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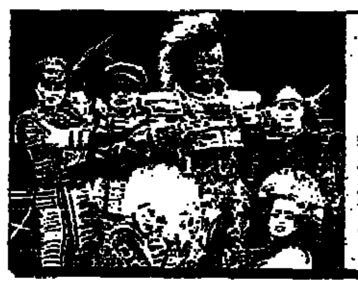

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Stop living in the past, says Blair

By Philip Webster
Political Editor

Clause Four supporters 'not learning from history, but merely living in it'

TONY BLAIR last night accused his left-wing critics of living in the past in their attempts to block the rewriting of Clause Four of the Labour constitution.

His party, he said, would not retain the people's trust unless it showed willingness to embrace change. Furious that Labour's new year offensive had been blunted by a newspaper advertisement purporting to show that more than 30 of its Euro-MPs opposed modernisation of Clause Four, Mr Blair went to Brussels and told his opponents that they were "not learning from our history, but merely living in it".

The review of the constitution was *not* a debating exercise *but* an essential part of Labour's crusade for change. He revised a speech planned for a fund-raising dinner to defend his attempt to tear up the Holy Grail of Labour's socialist past and replace it with a modern version of aims and values.

The party's constitution must reflect its actual beliefs, he said, and that did not include wholesale nationalisation of industry. In an angry aside at the organisers of the advertisement, he said that while he welcomed expressions of opinion "not everyone will have the privilege, let alone the means, to publicise their views through paid-for advertisements on the front page of national newspapers".

Earlier John Prescott, his deputy, criticised those responsible for the advertisement. "Yes it has caused damage, I don't think there's any doubt about that. But we welcome the debate," he said. "It was politically motivated to cause the maximum embarrassment to the leader's visit to Brussels."

In his speech, Mr Blair promised that Labour would be a reforming, pro-European government and gave the strongest indication so far of his support for a single currency.

But the European content was overshadowed by the dispute over Clause Four, as several of the MEPs alleged to have backed the advertisement in *The Guardian* issued statements disowning it. Others claimed they had not known their views would be appearing publicly. Three of them, Alan Donnelly, David Bowe and Hugh McMahon, dissociated themselves from the advertisement and said it had been timed to embarrass Mr Blair. Mr Blair will tell Labour's 62 MEPs in Brussels this morning that he has no intention of dropping his plans.

Later he will return to London to warn the Shadow Cabinet that it must show greater discipline in the public handling of key policy issues. The recent dispute over Labour's education policy and the Clause Four skirmish have allowed the Conservatives to claim that Old Labour is alive and kicking.

Mr Blair's supporters are deeply irritated by the events of the past two days, particularly as they give the impression that Labour has been "caught napping" by a well-organised campaign by the Left.

Mr Blair said the Clause Four debate was not about dumping or ditching fundamental values and beliefs. The debate would reassert them to avoid any doubts over the party's determination to carry through a radical programme in government. He said that the new constitution would state what Labour believed: that some services should remain in public ownership. "Equally, it is not, and has not been for decades, the policy of this party to argue for the wholesale nationalisation of industry. We need, as well as strong public services, a dynamic modern market economy."

He did not launch the debate

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Parker Bowles divorce 'does not mean royal split'

By Alan Hamilton and Emma Wilkins

AN announcement yesterday that Brigadier Andrew Parker Bowles and his wife, Camilla, who has had a longstanding affair with the Prince of Wales, are to divorce increased speculation that the Prince's own marriage could end in divorce shortly.

Churchmen and legal experts emphasised that the decision of a mistress of the heir to the throne and her husband to end more than 21 years of marriage carried no immediate constitutional implications.

However, since Mrs Parker Bowles, 48, will be free to remarry when the decree nisi is granted later this month and the Prince and Princess of Wales have lived apart for two years and a month, a royal divorce is now more likely.

Royal officials said yesterday that the Parker Bowles divorce would not affect the Prince's decision on how finally to end his marriage. St James's Palace said there were no plans for the Prince and Princess of Wales to divorce, as had been made clear in a joint statement by their solicitors last October.

"There have been no discussions between the two parties about any divorce. They have not decided that is what they want to do," the Prince's office said.

It was also pointed out that at no time during the affair which, the Prince admitted publicly last summer, began in 1986, has there been any suggestion that he wished to marry Mrs Parker Bowles. Constitutional experts agreed, however, that there would be no barrier to a divorced prince marrying a divorcée and becoming King in due course. Although Brigadier Parker Bowles is a Roman Catholic, educated at Ampleforth and Sandhurst, his wife is not.

The Prince of Wales was informed in advance of the decision. The Princess is said by friends to have acted with indifference to the news. It was in December 1992 that transcripts of the infamous "Camillagate" tapes were published around the world.

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Mr and Mrs Parker Bowles disclosed their decision yesterday in a statement issued jointly by their respective lawyers.

The couple, who were married at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, in July 1973, have lived apart for more than two years. They have two children: Thomas, 20, an Oxford undergraduate, and Laura, 16, who is still at school.

The settlement for the divorce has been achieved without acrimony, said Simon Elliot, Mrs Parker Bowles's brother-in-law said. Mrs Parker Bowles will retain the marital home, Middlewick House, in Wiltshire.

"It has been an amicable matter, I cannot emphasise that enough," said Mr Elliot, who is married to Mrs Parker Bowles's sister, Annabel. "There has been no acrimony over this at all. It is just one of those very sad events.

"Middlewick will be retained by my sister-in-law, and Andrew is going to find accommodation elsewhere. I don't know exactly what his plans are," he said.

While deciding on his future, the brigadier 55, has enjoyed the hospitality of Rosemary Pitman, 43, the ex-wife of Hugh Pitman, a former regimental colleague, who invited him to stay at her flat in south Kensington.

Brigadier Parker Bowles retired from the Army last month after a distinguished career, mostly spent in the Household Cavalry; his last posting was as director of the Army Veterinary Service. Since his departure he has been attending a resettlement course for retired officers.

The announcement comes less than a week after Lord Charteris, a former private secretary of the Queen, told *The Spectator* that he thought the Prince and Princess of Wales would divorce.

The statement, which was issued by the brigadier's solicitors, Boodle Hatfield, and Charles Russell for Mrs Parker Bowles, said: "Brigadier and Mrs Parker Bowles have asked that it be known that they have instructed us to seek on their behalf a termination of their marriage, and that divorce papers have been filed with the Principal Registry. The divorce is by mutual consent, the ground being that Brigadier and Mrs Parker Bowles have lived apart for more than two years. Decree nisi is expected to be granted later this month."

In a further statement, also issued jointly through their solicitors, the couple said: "The decision to seek an end to our marriage was taken jointly and is a private matter. But as we have no expectation that our privacy will be respected, we issue this statement in the hope that it will ensure that our family and friends are saved from harassment. Most especially we ask that our children, who remain our principal concern and responsibility, be left alone to pursue their studies at what is clearly a difficult time for them."

Revealing some of the background to the couple's deci-

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Camilla Parker Bowles: "In recent years we have led completely separate lives"

Howard moves Parkhurst chief and six staff

By Richard Ford and Jonathan Prynn

THE Governor of Parkhurst jail has effectively been dismissed in the aftermath of the escape of two murderers and an arsonist. John Marriott has been removed from his post after five years as governor of one of the country's six top security jails.

A junior governor and five prison officers, including Colin Jones, the off-duty officer whose action on Sunday led to the men's recapture, have been transferred to other prisons after "very serious deficiencies in procedural and physical security" at the jail.

Mr Jones, who worked on the wing where the three men had their cells, was off duty on Sunday night when he saw the escapers and telephoned the police. He and four other officers transferred from the jail had roles in the movement of prisoners from the wings to the gymnasium and back again. It is understood that the officers will work at Camp Hill or Albany jails, also on the Isle of Wight.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, told MPs that Mr Marriott, who has worked at Winson Green, Nottingham and Lewes jails, would take up non-operational duties. Pending the outcome of inquiries into last week's escape, he added, Mr Marriott would not run any other jail.

The Home Secretary also announced a series of measures intended to toughen security. Better monitoring of Category A prisoners and more supervision of their activities is to be introduced; more training is to be given to staff in the emergency control room; and a governor is to be on duty at all times until prisoners are locked up at the end of the day. The number of dog teams is to be increased just a few months after it was cut from 24 to 16; improved lighting and cameras and an additional alarm system are to be installed.

The additional security measures and the swift action to remove staff from the jail come after an initial report on the breakout by Richard Tilt, the Prison Service director of security. It has found that basic instructions were not followed, as was also the case at Whitemoor prison where

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Poster chain Athena closes

Athena, the shops chain which put Che Guevara, Botticelli's *Venus* or a female tennis player in the bedrooms of myriad students in the 1960s, collapsed yesterday.... Page 25

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Oxford don quits men-only club

By Ben Preston, Education Correspondent

THE old guard of London's clubland faces a renewed challenge from the high tables of Oxbridge after a leading member of the United Oxford and Cambridge University Club resigned yesterday in protest at its refusal to grant women full membership.

David Butler, the political scientist and fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford, announced that, with reluctance after 43 years, he was leaving the "comfortable and civilised" club his great-grandfather helped to found in 1817. His gesture reflects growing impatience within senior university circles at the Pall Mall club's resistance to change.

In an open letter to Gerald Bowden, the club's chairman, published today in *The Times*, Dr Butler said: "The action — or inaction — of the club committee has made it impossible for a self-respecting Oxford don to remain involved with a body that remains so flagrantly impervious to the will of its members or the norms of contemporary British society." Some heads of Oxbridge colleges had already left the club — which is open to graduates of both universities — in quiet protest at its behaviour. But hostilities might grow more intense: "Others are seriously considering a collective and public resignation," he said.

Women are not allowed full membership of the Oxford and Cambridge. They can enter as guests but are not allowed to walk on the marble staircase, use the library or the members' bar.

Ruth Deech, principal of St Anne's College, Oxford, resigned 14 months ago after being given honorary associate member status as a college head. She said it was "deeply insulting" to be barred from the library.

Mr Bowden, a former Conservative MP, was unavailable for comment last night. A spokesman at the club said its committee was discussing the issue of lady members.

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Cole goes to Old Trafford in £7m deal

ANDY COLE, 23, above, signed for Manchester United yesterday in a £7 million deal making him English football's most expensive player.

Newcastle United accepted £6 million plus £1 million winger Keith Gillespie for Cole. The England B centre-forward scored 68 goals in two years for Newcastle.

☐ In Australia, the England cricketer Darren Gough sustained a stress-fracture of the left foot that is likely to put him out of the Ashes tour.

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Russian journalist expelled as spy

By Michael Binyon and Richard Beeston in Moscow

BRITAIN was standing by last night for a senior journalist to be ordered to leave Moscow in a tit-for-tat move after the Home Office ordered the expulsion of a Russian television correspondent accused of spying.

Alexander Malikov has been given 28 days to leave London, where he has been based since before the collapse of the Soviet Union. The 43-year-old correspondent for the central Russian television channel "Ostankino" denied being a spy and said he would fight to protect his name. Interfax news agency quoted Russian intelligence sources as denying that he was a spy.

Grigori Karasin, the Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman, said that Russia was seeking clarifications from the British embassy in Moscow and that the Kremlin was "concerned" about the incident. It was widely expected that Moscow would reciprocate and that a British journalist, possibly one of the four television correspondents accredited in Moscow would be asked to leave.

In a letter dated January 4, Mr Malikov was told he must leave because "The Secretary of State is satisfied that on the basis of information he has received from confidential sources, you are a serving officer in the RFIS (Russian Foreign Intelligence Service)". It is understood there was concern that a man with an intelligence background had hoped to remain in Britain after leaving Russian journalism.

Mr Malikov said: "I am mystified. Why pick on a nice guy like me? I have never been approached by Russian security services. I am probably not smart enough to be a spy — but I am a good journalist." Mr Malikov, who lives with his family in Kensington, interviewed John Major in Downing Street before the Prime Minister's visit to Russia last February. Mr Malikov's wife, Marina, said the spying charge was "rubbish".

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Neil Kinnock impresses Brussels inquisitors with grasp of 'multimodal transport'

Orator of the Valleys masters EuroSpeak

■ Britain's newest EU commissioner slipped easily into the role when airing his credentials in front of the European Parliament in Brussels yesterday. Charles Bremner reports

Kinnock: "I'm going to have to be very careful about what I say here"

NEIL KINNOCK may not have gone native yet, but Britain's new commissioner proved to a squadron of MEPs yesterday that he *can EuroSpeak with the best of* them. Opaque terms such as "multimodal transport" and "DG7" tripped off a well-primed tongue as Monsieur le Commissaire Designé worked his charms on a body that was supposed to grill him.

Months of homework shone through when Mr Kinnock, who is to take over transport policy in the new Brussels executive, outlined his vision for Europe's roads, rails, air and waterways. There was no mention of gravy trains in his plan for a future of safe, clean transport, where free competition will rule the air, where ferries will stay afloat and calves can travel to their slaughter in comfort. The last point was to an Irish member who suggested Britain should worry about its citizens sleeping in cardboard boxes rather than the wellbeing of cattle.

One MEP missing from yesterday's opening of "Mr Kinnock Goes to Brussels" was his wife Glenys who was struck down by flu. All the props were there to give the commissaire a taste of the vast polyglot machine of European Union. Outside, a ballet of Mercedes, as the French call it, were depositing their députés and assorted high functionaries at the flag-draped doors. Corridors were strewn with the steel trunks that shuttle the tons of Euro documents to Strasbourg.

In the big beige committee room, three dozen translators laboured to render "level playing field" into their ten other languages. Upstairs another team was doing the same for Edith Cresson, briefly French Prime Minister, as she was being examined for her new commission job.

Later this year, Mr Kinnock promised he would present a "green paper" on "intermodality" in passenger transport. That will include, he promised, "the imaginative concept of a citizens' network". His first priorities were to end the overloading of airports, improve ferry safety and make transport more accessible.

One MEP complained: "I don't think your replies have been imaginative." But the sourest notes came from the British spoilsports, such as Anne McIntosh, the Conservative member for Essex North and Suffolk South, who needled him about his old opposition to the Common Market.

That only gave the retired Westminster orator a chance to voice his wholehearted support for monetary union. Anyone who stays out "would come under intense pressure and continually subject to speculation against their currency". He was against a new British referendum and believed there should only be one question if it is held: "Do we stay in or do we leave?" Europe should develop the concept of cooling sovereignty, he added.

Leaping from air traffic control to maritime charter and livestock transport, Mr Kinnock dazzled much of the assembly. Flattery got him far as he massaged the sensitivities of the Euro Parliament. "Anyone who has read your report will understand ..." he purred to a Dutch environmentalist. To the Spanish he noted how much he had enjoyed his trips to "peripheral regions of Spain" and he told an Italian it was all right to ramble on. "I do respect any member of parliament who wants to go on about his region. I have been doing it for 25 years."

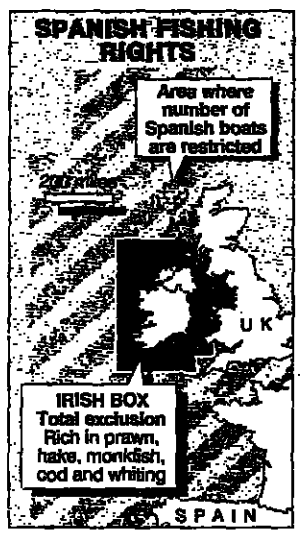
For two hours the questions flowed, many of them no tougher than that of Florus Wijsenbeek, one of The Netherlands group that dominates the committee, who asked: "When will all the Brits abandon their most dangerous habit of driving on the wrong side of the road?"

Only when it came to the Alps did the Welshman come unstuck. Will he order new tunnels as part of the Trans European Networks, the centrepiece of European transport policy, an Austrian wondered? A jolly answer about faith not being enough to move mountains earned a rebuke from the ecologists. "Oh dear," said Mr Kinnock. "That was a totally politically incorrect answer. God damn, I'm going to have to be very careful about what I say here."

Although translations of windbag could be heard among the chat later, the MEPs were impressed by the calibre of their new commissioner. "With that Westminster background, he could have got by without the homework but he has worked hard," one North European said.

Fishermen plan to wage war on Spanish trawlers

By John Young and Jonathan Prynn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FISHERMEN in Cornwall and Devon yesterday promised a "prolonged campaign" of action, beginning next month, to keep Spanish trawlers out of British waters and to persuade the Government to abandon the European Union's common fisheries policy.

After a meeting on Monday night delegates said they rejected the agreement made in Brussels last month to allow 40 Spanish trawlers to fish within the so-called "Irish box" from January next year.

Mike Townsend, chief executive of the Cornish Fish Producers' Association, said that his members would consider any means possible to stop the Spanish fishing in the 90,000 square miles around Ireland. "We have not yet determined our exact strategy, but we will rule nothing out," he said. "Being violent would only lose us public support, which we will need. But fishermen are so upset that they are certainly talking about it."

Michael Jack, the Fisheries Minister, yesterday warned against "over-simplistic solutions, which may be to the disadvantage of our fishermen in the long term", but their anger was echoed in the Commons as William Waldegrave, the Agriculture Minister, came under attack from southwest MPs. David Harris, the Tory MP for St Ives, said the Government had secured a "wretched package" at the meeting of European agriculture ministers.

He questioned whether Mr Waldegrave appreciated the "depth of justifiable anger" felt by fishermen, and Sir Peter Emery, Tory MP for Honiton, called for tighter policing of the agreement to prevent "cheating" by the Spanish.

Mr Waldegrave admitted the agreement, which excludes Spanish vessels from the Irish Sea and the Bristol Channel, was "not wholly satisfactory" but said it was the best the British Government could achieve in the circumstances.The outcome had been far better than many inside or outside the industry had predicted, he said.

But Gavin Strang, Shadow Minister for Agriculture, and Fisheries, described the deal as "a disaster for fishing" and "a wholesale failure by the Government". Since 1985 it had needed the support of only two other member states, including a large one, to defeat the move to exploit stocks which were already under immense pressure, he said.

David Scott, president of the National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations, said yesterday that the demand by fishermen in the southwest for national support would be discussed at a meeting in two weeks's time. "Our members in the southwest are understandably angry," he said. "We cannot rule out any action at this stage. We all know that British fishermen's opportunities are receding with every decision made in Brussels."

The British fishermen claim their livelihoods are threatened by the bigger, more modern Spanish trawlers, which can scoop up larger amounts of hake, cod, monkfish, whiting and shellfish. They accuse the Spaniards of ignoring regulations and are still seething over incidents last summer in the Bay of Biscay when, they allege, extensive damage was caused to their gear as they fished for tuna.

But Mr Jack said that past clashes showed what happened when fishermen took the law into their own hands. "Our fishermen sell a great deal of fish into France and Spain, and without the common fisheries policy to protect their interests the very livelihoods which they are rightly concerned about would be put at risk."

SIMON WALKER

Clause for thought: Jim Mortimer yesterday

Blair attacks critics

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because it was an easy thing to do. "I launched it because it is the right thing to do. The Labour Party is not a preservation society. Those who seriously believe we cannot improve on words written for the world of 1918 when we are now in 1995 are not learning from our history, but merely living in it. I want a Labour Party that looks to the future and says clearly what it means and means what it says."

Earlier, at Westminster, left-wing MPs led by Tony Benn and Jim Mortimer, a former general-secretary of the Labour Party, mounted a renewed Defend Clause Four campaign, saying that even if Mr Blair achieved his aim the questions raised by the scrapping of Clause Four would dog the party for the rest of the century. Mr Benn said: "It takes away an important ingredient in our thinking — that there must be some possibility of democratic control of economic power — that is what common ownership is all about."

He derided Mr Blair's attempts to draw up a statement of aims "so vague that Paddy Ashdown and Douglas Hurd could subscribe to them".

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Catalogue of 999 errors led to death of girl, 11

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Services Correspondent

A CATALOGUE of failures by the London Ambulance Service that led to the death of an 11-year-old girl was revealed in an official report published yesterday.

The inquiry into the death of Nasima Begum, who waited 53 minutes in agony for an ambulance last June when she needed rapid treatment to save her life, criticises "weak" management and "inappropriate" working practices. It said the delay was "inexcusable".

Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, set up the inquiry last October after a tape-recording of Nasima's screams as her parents repeatedly called the Ambulance Service was made public. She said yesterday that unless the performance of the service improved, it could be split into smaller units serving different parts of the capital.

The report called for an *immediate investment of* £3 million followed by a further £10.9 *million over two years. It* said the running costs of the service would rise by £2.7 million as a result of its recommendations, which are to be implemented to a strict timetable.

The two Thames regional health authorities have agreed to provide the money from within their existing budgets. Mrs Bottomley made no extra resources available.

The inquiry blamed no individual for the tragedy, but identified ten factors that contributed to it. The night of Sunday, June 19, when the tragedy occurred was exceptionally busy, with twice the normal number of emergency calls but only 12 instead of the expected 18 ambulances were available because of holiday and sickness absence.

There was no system assessing the priority of calls or for alerting managers that calls were being held waiting for ambulances.

The report said sickness absence rates, at nine per cent, were twice the average in industry and that the service suffered from "continuing management weakness", inappropriate shift patterns and "a complete lack of modern technology".

Two years ago the management of the service was overhauled following the failure of a computer system which led to the total breakdown of the emergency service. William Wells, chairman of the inquiry, who also chairs South Thames Health Authority which is responsible for the London Ambulance Service, said: "The service has improved very significantly since then from a state of virtual collapse.

"*But there is still a lot to be* done. We were enormously *impressed with the dedication,* hard work and caring nature of most staff but what they need is strengthened managerial support."

Emergency calls to the service have risen 19 per cent over two years and many are unnecessary, the report said.

Phil Thompson of Unison said: "We welcome the extra money but it will create problems for the regional health authorities and it will not be enough to put extra ambulances on the streets. We have 500 fewer staff now than two years ago."

☐ The death of a grandmother who collapsed from a suspected heart attack after waiting five hours for an ambulance to take her to hospital is being investigated by health officials. Elizabeth Bailey, 65, died at her home at Bolton, Greater Manchester, after her GP made an emergency visit.

Driving tests hit by strike

***Most of Britain's 400 driving* test centres will face severe *disruption today as examin*ers begin a campaign of industrial action in support of a pay claim.**

An estimated 7,000 tests could be cancelled or postponed during the one-day strike, which will be followed by a work-to-rule and overtime ban. The Driving Standards Agency has refused a pay increase, other than a £30 a month "attendance bonus".

MP's allegation

Rupert Allason, the Tory MP who has threatened to name five Labour MPs as being "confidential contacts" for the KGB during the Cold War, said he was waiting until today for responses from the accused politicians before he decides whether to name them publicly.

Yard charges

***Janine Barnes, 26, of Wel*ling, south-east London, who *is a personal assistant in the* office of Michael Howard, *the Home Secretary,* has been charged with taking an *unmarked* police car from Scotland Yard's car park, driving without insurance and drink driving.**

Computer virus

Christopher Pile, 25, from Plymouth, is the first person to be charged under the Computers Misuse Act. He will appear in court next *month accused of spreading* two computer viruses, "Pathogen" and "Queeg", *after a* nine-month investigation by police.

Rebels in line

Nine Conservative Eurorebels, who have been deprived of the party whip, are likely to support the Government in today's key vote on the make-up of Commons committees in return for assurances that they would still *have a right to sit on the* committees.

Merit marque

The Tidy Britain Group yesterday launched the Millennium Marque scheme, to reward 2,000 buildings and locations that improve the quality of life and use materials and designs which suit their surroundings. The Environment Department is providing some funds.

Thoughts of Eric

The philosophical musings of Eric Cantona are to be published in March under the title *La Philosphie de Cantona*. The book contains more than 120 pages — in English and French — of the soccer player's thoughts on topics including Manchester United and the art of football.

Reports yesterday of Peter Cook's death stated incorrectly that the *Beyond The Fringe* team (Cook, Jonathan Miller, Alan Bennett and Dudley Moore) were Cambridge students, when in fact Bennett and Moore were at Oxford.

Howard moves Parkhurst governor

Jones: has been *moved* to another prison

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five IRA men escaped. Mr Howard told MPs: "There were serious failures at local level by both management and some individual officers to carry out basic security procedures in accordance with the Prison Service's own written instructions. Certain specific lapses on the night in question contributed significantly both to the failure to detect the escape and to the *length of time which elapsed* before its discovery." That that *could happen so soon after the* report into the Whitemoor escape and after clear and repeated messages to prison governors and staff about security procedures was a cause for dismay, he added.

Among the lapses discovered were that the closed circuit televison cameras were not being monitored by staff and that prisoners leaving the gymnasium from where the three men began their escape had not been counted.

The Prison Service's deci*sion to force Mr Marriott to* leave the jail and the transfer *of six other staff stunned other* governors and the Prison Officers' Association. The Prison Governors' Association accused Mr Howard of taking vindictive action and of trying to run the prison system by managing through fear.

Brendan O'Friel, chairman of the governors' association, said the decision to remove Mr Marriott was "political" and had been taken without the opportunity for all the facts to be investigated. The transfer of the five officers was con*demned by their association,* which said its members were being made scapegoats for the failures of others.

'Baton' salesman suspended

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

ELECTRIC shock batons, capable for use in torture, are *being made in Britain and* exported to China, according *to a television documentary to* be broadcast tonight.

In the programme, Frank Scott, the boss of ICL Technical Plastics in Glasgow, claims he has sold batons all over the world and had permission from the Scottish Office to make the weapons at his factory. He said the Trade and Industry Department paid for him to visit China to get exports.

The disclosure in Channel Four's *Dispatches* programme comes after British Aerospace *suspended* one of its salesman who claimed the *firm had* sold 8,000 banned electric shock batons to Saudi Arabia. He says the batons were part of the 1985 £20 billion Al-Yammamah deal, the biggest in British industry.

British Aerospace suspended Philip Morris, a salesman, who claims in the documentary that BAe is prepared to use its world wide procurement network to supply thousands of electro-shock batons. A full investigation is taking place *into the claims which were* filmed secretly by an undercover team from *Channel 4* who posed as arms dealers.

BAe denied that the company had sold electro-shock weapons or that the alleged supply of 8,000 to Saudi Arabia was part of the Al-Yammamah deal. "BAe does not sell such equipment and it is against company policy to sell any equipment not fully compliant with UK and international regulations".

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Constitutional problem would arise only if Charles wished to marry a Roman Catholic

'Church would back remarried Prince as heir'

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent

THE CHURCH

LEADERS of the Church of England, which holds that marriage is for life, would stand by the Prince of Wales as the heir to the throne and Supreme Governor of the Church, even if he were to divorce and remarry, constitutional experts said yesterday.

Dr David Starkey, lecturer in history at the London School of Economics, said the Church's "insuperable problem" in terms of its hostility to divorce was countered by the fact that it was also "terrified" of disestablishment.

The Prince of Wales will automatically become Supreme Governor of the Church of England when he accedes to the throne, whether or not he is divorced or remarried.

A constitutional problem would arise only if he wishes to marry a Roman Catholic, because the 1701 Act of Settlement, confirmed by Article II of the Treaty of Union between England and Scotland, fixed the succession to Protestants. Brigadier Andrew Parker Bowles is a Catholic, but Camilla Parker Bowles is not.

The Church supports the belief that marriage is for life but accepts that sometimes a marriage may die, and in that case accepts that divorce may be the best solution. Difficulties arise only when a divorced person wishes to remarry with a former partner still living.

Commenting on the decision by Brigadier and Camilla Parker Bowles to seek a divorce, the Right Rev Nigel McCulloch, Bishop of Wakefield, said: "It is always very sad news when any marriage breaks down. Pastorally, what they need now is the space and privacy to plan their future."

Church spokesman Steve Jenkins dismissed speculation about a possible divorce of the Prince as "hypothetical". The Church of England law is that a man's being divorced is not a bar to ordination, but remarriage after divorce presents problems.

Recently, however, it became possible under canon law for the archbishops to issue a faculty in exceptional circumstances for a divorced and remarried man to be ordained. The same analogy could be applied to a divorced and remarried sovereign, making him thereby acceptable to the Church of England.

The abdication crisis caused by Edward VIII's relationship with Mrs Simpson gave rise to the Church's 1938 Act of Convocation, which ruled that the Church's marriage service should not be used to solemnise the remarriage of divorcees, with a former partner still living, "to maintain the principle of lifelong obligation which is inherent in every legally contracted marriage".

The Church of England is reviewing its ban on the marriage of divorcees in church. Under the law of the land, clergy have the right to marry divorcees, although that goes against church law, and the practice varies

The Archbishop of Canterbury could not go against canon law to remarry a divorced Prince of Wales in a church in England, although if the Church did not change its position, the Prince could follow the example of the Princess Royal and go to Scotland to remarry in church. His future as Supreme Governor would not be affected.

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Problem is public opinion, not law

By Alan Hamilton

THE CONSTITUTION

THE impending divorce of Andrew and Camilla Parker Bowles has no constitutional significance, except to increase speculation that the heir to the throne may one day take the unlikely step of marrying his mistress.

Even if he were eventually to do so, his difficulties would lie with the Church of England and public opinion rather than the law of the land, churchmen and legal experts agreed yesterday.

There has never been any serious suggestion that the Prince would eventually wish to marry Mrs Parker Bowles. His closest associates yesterday conceded that the Prince and Princess had consulted their respective lawyers on the matter of divorce, but said that no serious discussion had taken place between the two camps on a final separation, in spite of it now being two years and one month since the couple announced formally that they were to live apart.

The Prince of Wales's aides said yesterday that nothing had changed since lawyers issued a joint statement last October making it clear "that there is no truth in reports which state that it has been agreed that a divorce shall take place, or that there have been discussions about a financial settlement between the parties".

The statement was issued in response to unconfirmed reports that the Princess of Wales was seeking a divorce settlement of about £16 million.

Brigadier Parker Bowles at an equestrian event

A man bound by codes of faith and honour

By Alan Hamilton

THE HUSBAND

AS RECENTLY as last September Brigadier Andrew Parker Bowles, in the face of mounting public humiliation, was continuing to insist that he and his wife had no plans for divorce.

But even for a Roman Catholic, taught by his church that marriage is an unbreakable bond, the strain of a highly publicised affair between his wife and the Prince of Wales finally became too much. First in 1992 there was the publication of the so-called Camillagate tapes, revealing an intimate lovers' conversation. Then, last summer, there was the Prince's television confession that not only was it all true, it had been true since 1986.

Throughout the affair Brigadier Parker Bowles has, in his few public utterances at least, displayed an unwavering discretion and loyalty to his wife. Only once did the taunts penetrate his usual easy-going good humour, when a guest in the Royal Enclosure at Ascot shouted to him: "Hey, Ernest Simpson, why don't you come over here?"

The brigadier stiffened, wheeled and grasped the guest roughly by the arm. "I don't ever want to hear you talk to me like that again," he hissed. "Do you understand? Never." The guest, Lord Charles Spencer-Churchill, recalled that the next day his arm was black and blue.

Brigadier Parker Bowles's code of honour is in part a product of his having been hand-in-glove with the Royal Family almost since birth. His father Derek was a Household Cavalry officer, Jockey Club steward and Berkshire landowner whose seat was Donnington Castle House near Newbury; his mother, Dame Ann, was a close friend and distant cousin of the Queen Mother.

The young Andrew was a page at the Queen's coronation in 1953, rode in the Household Cavalry detachment accompanying the Prince and Princess of Wales at their wedding procession in 1981, and named the Prince as godson to the his first child Thomas, who is now a 20-year-old Oxford undergraduate. The Queen in 1987 appointed him Silver Stick in Waiting, a ceremonial guard to the sovereign.

He earned the admiration of his men during his command of an armoured squadron in Londonderry at the height of the Irish Troubles in 1972. Eight years later he found himself as an aide-de-camp to Lord Soames, the last Governor of Southern Rhodesia, during the transition to Zimbabwe. Colleagues recall his courageous forays alone into the bush to persuade hostile and often heavily armed guerrillas to come to the assembly points and hand over their weapons.

Those who know him speak of his immense and genuine charm, his jollity and his easy conversation. Before their respective marriages — both in 1973 — Parker Bowles's name was linked strongly with that of Princess Anne. But like his marriage, that liaison was doomed, if for different reasons. The Queen's daughter, mindful of the Royal Marriages Act and the Act of Settlement, was unlikely ever to marry a Roman Catholic, however loyal he might be.

The marriage to Camilla at the Guards Chapel

Parting is agreed amicably

THE SETTLEMENT

UNDER the terms of the divorce settlement, Camilla Parker Bowles will retain the marital home — Middlewick House, in Corsham, Wiltshire (Emma Wilkins writes).

The couple sold their second home in Fulham, west London, several years ago, and Brigadier Andrew Parker Bowles has been staying with friends in Kensington while he makes plans.

The settlement has been achieved jointly and without acrimony, Mrs Parker Bowles's brother-in-law said. "It has been an amicable matter. I cannot emphasise that enough." Simon Elliot said. "Middlewick will be retained by my sister-in-law, and Andrew is going to find accommodation elsewhere."

Brigadier Parker Bowles's family have substantial property interests in Berkshire, where he was born at Donnington Castle House. The 500-acre Middlewick estate is 15 miles from the Prince of Wales's country home at Highgrove, Gloucestershire.

A divorce can be obtained as quickly as three months, if both sides agree, although if government proposals are enacted, the period could be a year. The Parker Bowles divorce petition will join hundreds of undefended cases dealt with each month largely on paper by the Principal Registry of the Family Division at Somerset House.

Affairs followed royal disposition for matrimonial entanglements

By Emma Wilkins

The affair of Alice Keppel, left, and Edward VII was echoed by Camilla Parker Bowles and Charles, below

HISTORY

THE Prince of Wales is far from the first heir to the throne or King of England to have enjoyed tangled matrimonial circumstances. Others include Henry VIII, George IV and William IV. In the early days of their relationship, Camilla Parker Bowles is said to have reminded the Prince that her great-grandmother, Alice Keppel, was the mistress of his great-great-grandfather, Edward VII. It is claimed she suggested to him: "So how about it?"

Henry VIII broke with Rome in order to divorce his first wife, Catherine of Aragon, who had failed to provide him with a male heir. His fourth marriage, to the German princess Anne of Cleves, whom he disliked, was also brought to an end by divorce.

George IV, who ruled as regent from 1811 when his father George III became insane, was married secretly to Maria Fitzherbert in 1785. The marriage was invalid because members of the Royal Family under the age of 25 were forbidden to marry without the King's consent. George was 23 at the time of the wedding.

In 1795, in order to induce Parliament to pay his debts, the Prince contracted a loveless marriage with his cousin Caroline, daughter of the Duke of Brunswick. A few weeks after the birth of their only child Princess Charlotte, in 1796, the couple separated.

Following George's accession to the throne in 1820 on the death of his father, Caroline returned to England from Italy to claim her rights as Queen Consort. The problem was solved by her death in 1821.

William IV, who was George III's third son, became King in 1830 on the death of his brother George IV. Between 1794 and 1807, William, then Duke of Clarence, had 10 illegitimate children by the Irish comedy actress Dorothea Jordon, who were given the surname FitzClarence. Some historians believe that William married Mrs Jordan in secret.

His subsequent marriage to Princess Adelaide of Saxe-Meningen produced two daughters, both of whom died in infancy. On his death in 1837 a succession crisis was resolved when the crown passed to his niece, Princess Victoria.

Divorce 'will not affect royal couple'

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sion, the statement continued: "Throughout our marriage we have always tended to follow rather different interests, but in recent years we have led completely separate lives. We have grown apart to such an extent that, with the exception of our children and a lasting friendship, there is little of common interest between us, and we have therefore decided to seek divorce."

The brigadier is understood to have reached a decision on his retirement from the Army, giving him a chance to reassess his life. He has also remained completely loyal towards his wife and the Royal Family in public in spite of a barrage of humiliation that began with the publication of the "Camillagate" tapes and culminated last summer in the Prince's admission during a television interview with Jonathan Dimbleby that he had had an affair with Mrs Parker Bowles which began in 1986.

In fact, the couple's association goes back much further, to before either was married. The Prince first met Camilla Shand at a Windsor polo match in 1970, and there was speculation at the time that they might marry. The Prince, however, proceeded through a string of variously eligible partners before becoming engaged to Lady Diana Spencer in 1980. There has been much speculation that the Prince continued his association with Mrs Parker Bowles before his marriage, resuming the relationship, by his own admission, in 1986 when his own marriage had reached the point of irretrievable failure.

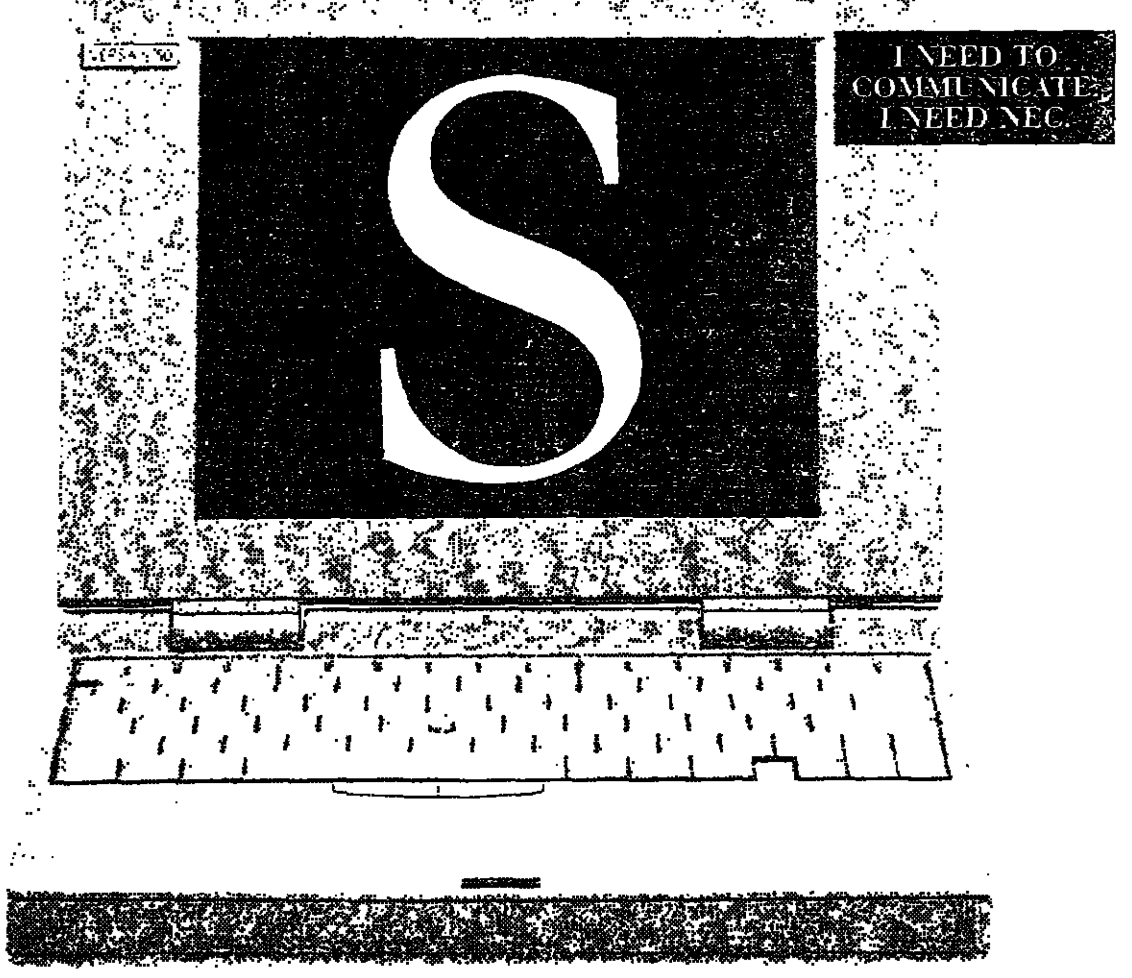
First proof of a liaison, however, came with the publication in 1992 of a secretly recorded private telephone conversation, said to have been made in 1989, in which the couple engaged in intimate and scatalogical conversation.

Since separating from his wife, Brigadier Parker Bowles has also stayed with Lady Amabel Lindsay, a widow, who lives in Holland Park, west London. The pair have known each other since the 1960s.

Mrs Pitman was divorced from her husband Hugh, three years ago after 30 years of marriage. Lieutenant-Colonel Pitman retired from the Army in 1981 to start a recruitment company which he built up to a turnover of £10 million over ten years.

Mrs Pitman, who has three sons, has a cottage at Brokenborough, near Malmesbury — close to the Parker Bowles family home. The local church expressed their sadness at the news of the impending divorce. "I think it is very sad news, but I can't say anything more than that," a spokesman said.

The Prince, who was aware of the divorce annoucement before he flew back from a skiing holiday in Switzerland, spent the day at Highgrove yesterday. Mrs Parker Bowles was staying with friends.



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Campaigners film animals in French crates

Veal farmers plan new airlifts to beat protests

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

FARMERS are planning a new airlift of calves to the Continent to beat animal rights protesters. The Farmers' Union of Wales said yesterday that it hoped to be able to start flights from Swansea by the end of the week. A twin-engined Russian-built Antonov transport plane is already at the airport.

Guy Pargeter, the union spokesman, said: "We have also approached Cardiff, Haverfordwest, Bristol and Exeter airports and are awaiting their response. Swansea is looking the best bet at the moment. We expect Ministry of Agriculture officials to inspect the plane tomorrow." The aircraft could carry up to 100 calves a time and make daily flights to destinations in The Netherlands and France, where there is a big demand for surplus British dairy calves. Most are raised by the intensive "veal crate" system outlawed here five years ago.

Mr Pargeter said: "We are not responsible for how the animals are treated after they are sold. But while they are in our control, they have the best conditions in Europe. The Antonov is a pressurised aircraft specially adapted for transporting live animals."

Meanwhile, Phoenix Aviation, the freight company that chartered the Boeing 737 that crashed on December 21, said it was hoping soon to restart flights from Coventry to both Amsterdam and Rennes in northwest France. The firm, which was making five flights a day carrying 600 animals before the accident, now has another aircraft available.

Film released yesterday by Compassion in World Farming provided evidence that calves flown to France by Phoenix Aviation early in December ended up in veal crates, despite denials by the freight firm that that was their fate.

The calves were flown to Rennes from Coventry in the same Boeing 737 that later crashed. A freelance cameraman hired by the organisation filmed the unloading of the consignment of 90 week-old calves at Rennes and then trailed them as they travelled by road to a farm near Angoulême in the south-west.

The film shows the calves being put into open-backed crates with solid wooden sides, no more than a metre apart, where they are tethered by a neck chain to a rope fixed to the floor and roof of each box. They are seen straining at their tethers in an apparent attempt to escape.

Joyce D'Silva, the charity's director, said: "The calves will stay trapped like this, unable to turn round and barely able to lie down, in semi-darkness for four months until slaughter. During this time they will be fed a low-iron, roughage-free diet that guarantees production of the very pale meat prized on the Continent."

According to the charity, the calves were first taken to a farm two hours' drive from Rennes, which was given as their final destination in the journey plan submitted by the exporters to the Ministry of Agriculture. But the next day they were reloaded and travelled for a further six hours to the farm further south.

Ian Breach, who took the film, said: "The French farmer was amazed that we wanted to film the calves. When we explained that the veal-crate system was considered cruel in Britain he was even more astonished. He said: 'It is their destiny. If they were out in the fields they would not produce white meat'."

The charity is to show the four-minute video at press a conference in Paris today. Ms D'Silva said: "William Waldegrave, the Agriculture Minister, challenged us to take our campaign to the Continent rather than simply criticise British farmers and exporters. So we have taken him at his word."

The campaigners are to meet Mr Waldegrave tomorrow. They will urge him to support a private member's Bill outlawing the veal trade, which is to have its second reading in the Commons on February 3.

In the Commons, John Major defended Mr Waldegrave, who has been under Opposition fire after admitting that some calves from his West Country dairy herd may have ended up in veal crates abroad. To Tory cheers, the Prime Minister noted that the farm was "managed on a day-to-day basis by a farm management company headed by a Labour front-bench spokesman in the House of Lords", a reference to Lord Carter, who is seen as a possible Labour Minister of Agriculture.

Mr Major said: "Mr Waldegrave has done more than most people in this country to try to change the laws right across Europe to deal with veal. Both he and I would like to see less trade in live animals and more in carcass form." He added that there was a long tradition of agriculture ministers having farming interests.

After three days and 800 miles, British calves near journey's end

From Dominic Kennedy
in Rennes

A calf at the Rennes research institute

THE odyssey of the 237 British calves exported from Shoreham amid emotional scenes was almost over last night. The animals spent a day of rest after a three-day journey which took them 800 miles from North Yorkshire to western France.

After arriving at Dieppe, there followed a 300-mile mystery tour through the darkness of rural France, finishing near Rennes. The secret destination of the live cargo of calves, each aged less than two weeks, was a low pink building on land owned by Bridel, a major French dairy company, which takes 400 British calves each week. The company vet, Dr Luc Florent, checked the animals before they were herded into pens of 30. Only two were unwell: one with a sore ear and the other suffering from a cold.

Sharing the barn with the English calves were others which had travelled relatively short distances from within France. Although staff insisted there was no difference, the French animals looked brighter-eyed and more stable on their feet.

Dr Florent refused permission for us to see the British animals once they were in the pens — "Come back in six months, it's too delicate now" — but he agreed to provide a tour of a calf-rearing research institute in Rennes.

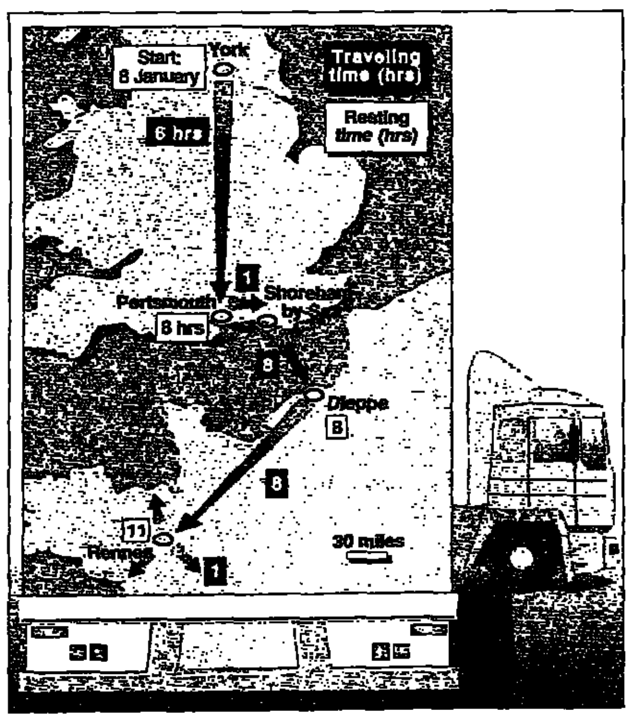
Here, he showed how the British calves were to be kept, five to a pen measuring 12 square metres. They would live on slatted floors, made slippery by excrement. Some pens had a covering of straw to give surer footing, but it was explained that this method had so far proved less economical. Calves penned in pairs seemed the happiest. "Two is better than five because with five there is competition," said Dr Florent.

The restrictive single pens that have caused such outrage among British animal lovers were also being evaluated. As an experiment, holes had been cut in the wooden sides of some of these single pens allowing the calves to see, lick and nuzzle one another, providing a less lonely life.

Dr Florent is unsympathetic towards the animal rights protesters who have tried to blockade Shoreham. "The demonstrators must understand that calves are not dogs and cats," he said. "The demonstrators don't understand farming. It's an economic activity. The French farmers are unhappy at being accused of mistreating animals."

The new cargo of calves came from Albert Hall Farms of Strensall, York, which last week was fined £12,000 for cruelty when shipping animals to the Continent. But Michel Moron, spokesman for Albert Hall France, blamed some of the regulations imposed on the livestock trade for harming the animals. He criticised the law requiring animals transported from England and Wales to have breaks in their journey every 15 hours to feed and rest.

"The animals would arrive in better condition if they didn't have to keep getting on and off the lorry," he said. "They eat and then they have to travel. That's not good for them."



Order of the boot for alien worms

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

GARDENERS in England and Wales were urged yesterday to join the war against an alien worm that punches a hole in native earthworms at night and sucks them dry. The call comes after reports that the New Zealand flatworm has spread from strongholds in Scotland into northern and southern England.

Scientists told nurseries and gardeners south of the border to be on the lookout for the worm amid fears that it may damage drainage, crops and wildlife by devastating local earthworm populations.

The reports in England have come mainly from the Carlisle, Newcastle upon Tyne, Manchester and Harrogate areas, but more recent sightings have been made at Christchurch in Hampshire.

Dr Brian Boag, a soil ecologist at the Scottish Crop Research Centre, will disclose his latest findings on the progress of the flatworm at the Royal Horticultural Society in London today. He said: "The effect these flatworms could have on agriculture and wildlife is hard to say. But in some areas, particularly those which have high rainfall, earthworms have been virtually eliminated. This may lead to soil problems and affect animals which feed on earthworms." Many common birds, including robins and blackbirds, and animals such as moles, shrews and hedgehogs, depend on earthworms for food.

Dr Boag urged English and Welsh nurseries and garden centres to adopt hygiene measures that have already been introduced in Scotland to curtail the outbreak.

Gardeners are also being asked to turn over stones and logs to detect the 1in dark brown worm which lies coiled in a sticky white mucus with bubbles on its surface.

"My advice if you find one is to stamp on it and pop it in a bin," Dr Boag said. Nurseries free from the pest should shun container plants in favour of cuttings or seeds, he said. If plants are in containers they should be popped in water overnight and any adult worms will float to the surface.

The flatworm, whose biology and life cycle is a mystery, was first sighted in Northern Ireland in 1963 and at Edinburgh's Royal Botanic Gardens in 1965.

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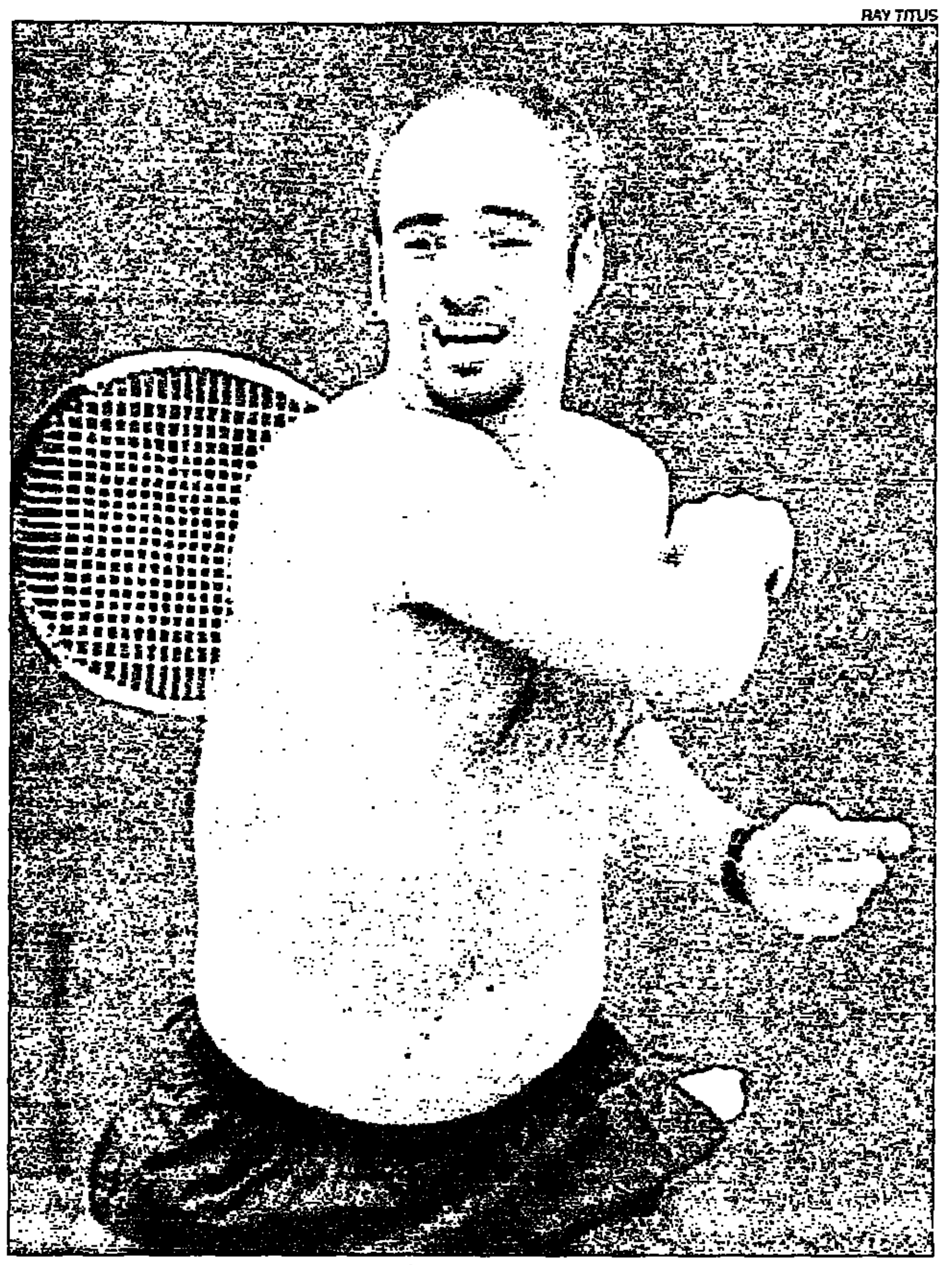

Hair today, on the practice court in Adelaide, and above, the locks of yesterday

Agassi sports new look

By Andrew Pierce

FEW members of the Andre Agassi fan club would have recognised their heart-throb yesterday. The tennis star's blond mane had succumbed to a barber's backhand slice.

The short back and sides was not the only shock Agassi served up on the practice court for the Australian Open in Adelaide. He has developed a paunch.

Agassi, 24, was given the crewcut at a New York salon over the Christmas holiday. His girlfriend, Brooke Shields, went along to lend moral support.

Asked whether the tennis star had put on weight, his brother Philip, who runs his interests, said: "I doubt it. He weighs 168lb. The lowest he ever scales is 163."

Winning architect of opera house told competition to be held again

By Marcus Binney

Hadid: only one other building completed

TWO top architects who lost a competition to design the Cardiff Bay Opera House to a virtual unknown are to be given a second chance. Their new proposals will be considered alongside those of the winner, Zaha Hadid.

In a statement yesterday, the opera house trustees said they were inviting new presentations from Sir Norman Foster and the Italian architect Professor Manfredi Nicoletti.

The trustees said that Ms Hadid's design was over the budget, although they added that this would probably be true of the other two designs. Another reason for the rethink was that 300 parking spaces had now to be provided in a separate building.

A trust spokesman said: "There is still a strong presumption that Ms Hadid's scheme will be adopted." Her only completed building is a fire station in southern Germany.

When Lord Davies, chairman of the Welsh National Opera Company, announced the result of the original competition in London, he said that the winning design would "only be built if public opinion was clearly in support". Since then, opinion polls have suggested that many people do not like the Hadid design, preferring that of Professor Nicoletti.

Lord Palumbo, one of the competition judges, said: "The voting produced a clear winner and in equity Ms Hadid deserves the job, providing she can bring it home on time and budget. The credibility of the competition system will be at risk if the rules are changed halfway through and no one knows where they are."

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English Heritage says fake historic decor ruins pub

By Robin Young

A KNIGHT, his fiery steed, 100 shields and a skeleton *have brought* Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries into dispute with English Heritage. The brewery, which uses the slogan "Unspoilt by Progress", is accused of ruining the appearance of a 13th-century *Grade I listed* manor house by turning it into a medieval theme pub.

Conservation experts are unimpressed by the decor at the Manor House in West Bromwich, which has as its centrepiece a *plastic knight* called Norman, who rides a horse that winks at guests, blows smoke through its nostrils and plays the *William Tell Overture*. A grinning skeleton sitting on a chair *surrounded by* stuffed birds, rats and other animals is mounted over the main door, and around the walls hang more than 100 fake shields, banners and plates.

Beams are festooned with imitation cobwebs and a row of official plaques commemorating the historical lords of the manor has been replaced by the heraldic equivalent of saucy postcards, which depict one lord as a Peeping Tom, squinting through a bedroom keyhole. Another is dressed in West Bromwich Albion strip, and a third shown reading the *Financial Times*.

English Heritage has asked Sandwell council, which let the Manor House to the brewery, to order it to restore the building to its original state. A spokesman for the conservation body said yesterday: *"The building is of* extreme historical and architectural importance. The current decorations are wholly inappropriate. They were put in without the necessary planning approval."

But the *licensee*, Les Millard, said the brewery had not changed the fabric of the building in any way. "It is a beautiful building, and I am among the first to recognise that," he said. "I love the place but we have got to run it as a business. The decorations we have put in attract customers, and allow us to keep the building going. Without us it would soon be empty, and wrecked by vandals.

"Customers love the atmosphere when we run medieval nights with serving wenches and barmen in costume. We are trying to create an atmo*sphere where people can enjoy* themselves. People do not want to come out to a museum for a meal. When we took over, the building was bare and we only had about a dozen people in the great hall in the evening. *Now we get 300 a* night."

He did not agree with English Heritage that medieval farming evenings would be a more suitable form of entertainment given that the house, whose *great hall dates* from 1275, would have been *involved* in farming rather than royal tournaments.

"People do not want to come out for a medieval farming evening," Mr Millar said. "They want a royal banquet."

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JULIAN HERBERT

Rosemary West leaving Gloucester Magistrates' Court yesterday after being remanded in custody

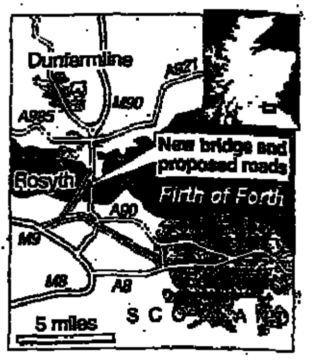
West's widow to face committal proceedings

ROSEMARY WEST, widow of the alleged serial killer Frederick West, will face committal proceedings next month on nine charges of murder.

Mrs West, 41, made a six-minute appearance before Gloucester magistrates yesterday and was remanded in custody until February 6, when Peter Badge, the chief metropolitan stipendiary magistrate, will decide whether there *is sufficient evidence against her for a* Crown Court trial.

The committal proceedings in Dursley, Gloucestershire, which are expected to last a week, will go ahead in spite of the death of Mrs West's husband. The 53-year-old builder was found hanged in his cell at Winson Green prison, Birmingham, on New Year's Day. He was accused of 12 murders and had been *due to appear alongside his wife* yesterday. After Mrs West had been led out, Withiel Cole, for the prosecution, formally applied for the criminal proceedings against her husband to be withdrawn.

Mrs West's solicitor, Leo Goatley, later said he would argue at next month's hearing that charges against her should be dropped because her chance of a fair trial had been prejudiced.



Backing by Lang for new Forth bridge

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

A SECOND road bridge over the River Forth could be open by 2003 and be funded entirely by the private sector, the Scottish Office said yesterday.

The proposals for the £300 million bridge and roads *package are to be the subject of* a public local inquiry in the middle of next year but Ian Lang, the Scottish Secretary, who will make the final decision on the scheme, said yesterday that he believed a new bridge would be necessary in the long term.

He denied he was prejudging the issue, but transport experts believe a second Forth road bridge is inevitable. It will be one of the major engineering projects for the new millennium and is likely to take five years to build.

*Unveiling a package of pro*posals to tackle increasing traffic congestion in Edinburgh, Mr Lang said it was estimated that by 2010 traffic on the existing bridge would have increased by 50 per cent. When it was built 30 years ago it was designed to take 14,000 vehicles a day but the number now regularly exceeds 60,000.

A new bridge will meet strong opposition from environmentalists and those who want to see Scotland's public transport system improved. During the consultation per*iod the Scottish Office received* 1,000 letters from interested parties.

Henry McLeish, a Labour transport spokesman, said: "We are *demanding a full* public inquiry into the need for a second Forth road bridge at all. What Ian Lang is proposing is merely a local inquiry and he seems determined to press ahead regardless."

The successful bidder would recoup the cost of the bridge through tolls. The Scottish Office said yesterday that it *was considering a charge of* £1.50 at 1994 prices for cars on both Forth road bridges. The existing bridge only repaid the cost of its construction last year. The present toll for a car is 40p. The inquiry will also look into the possibility of charging higher tolls at peak periods.

Other *proposals* in the roads package include: examination of the case for a Rosyth bypass and support for park and ride schemes on Edinburgh's outskirts and for Lothian Region's "Greenways" *transport scheme*; approval of strict parking controls by Lothian Region; and support for a rapid bus route from Edinburgh airport to the city centre.

Lang: bridge necessary in the long term

Arfur: tumour in chest

Arfur put down after illness

Arfur, the lion that mauled two men who climbed into its enclosure at London Zoo, has been put down. The rare Asiatic lion had been suffering from a cancerous tumour in its chest. Jo Gipps, the zoo's director, said: "He was *put down because there was* nothing more we could do for him. Everyone will miss him."

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Kisses earn fine

***Joe Hennessey, 20,* was fined £150 by magistrates at Camberley, Surrey, after being seen kissing and cuddling his girlfriend as he drove a truck. He had denied careless driving and not being in proper control of his vehicle.**

Savings drive

A retired couple lost savings of £10,000 after the car in which they kept the money was stolen. Fred and Vera Bennett, of Tiverton, Devon, had moved the cash from their home to the car after a nearby house was burgled.

Too blue

A "gentlemen's evening" of striptease and blue jokes at Saffron Walden Conservative Club in Essex has been cancelled because of protests from church leaders, club members and the local Tory *MP Alan Haselhurst*.

Vicar's bequest

The Rev Anthony Mapplebeck, who was vicar of Mevagissey, Cornwall, has left £140,000 *to the National* Trust's Operation Neptune project to be spent on his favourite stretch of coast from Mevagissey to St Mawes.

Talked out of it

A talking car alarm is being sold by Waso Security Systems, which said owners can record anything on the VoiceMaster, "even their mother-in-law's voice if they think that would frighten thieves".

Chef settles case

A chef sacked after allegedly overcooking the Christmas dinner at Beaconsfield Golf Club, Buckinghamshire, has reached a settlement with the club. Derek Russell had *claimed unfair dismissal*.

Sweet relief

A *toddler* who got her *head* stuck in a potty at a shop in Nottingham was cut free by firefighters who calmed her with chocolate bars. "She was unhurt apart from very red ears," a spokesman said.

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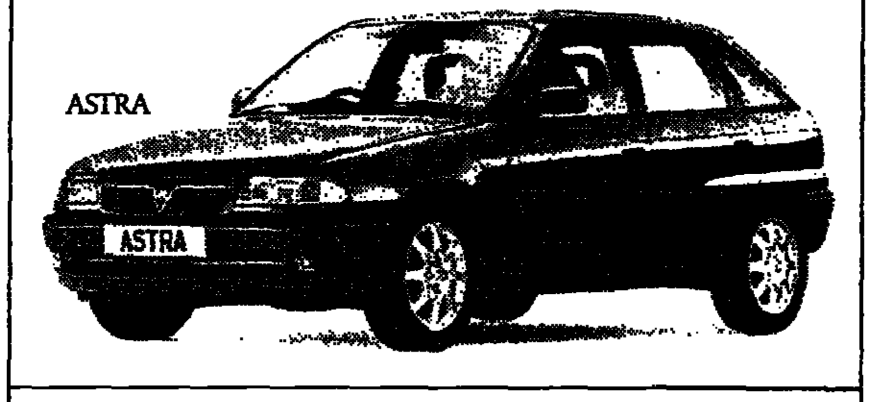

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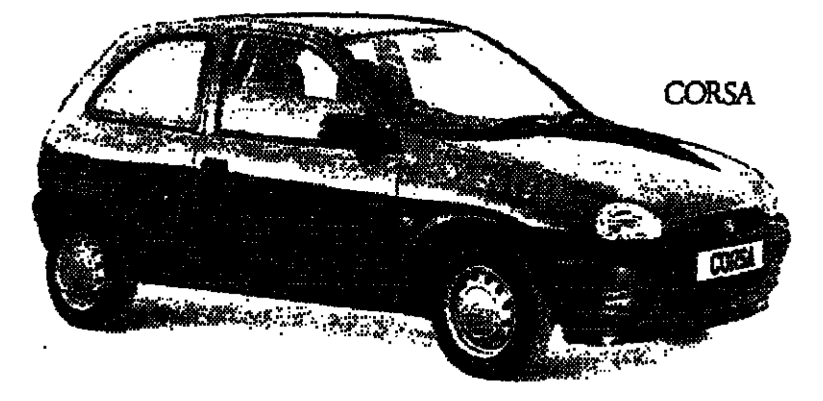

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Judge limits daughter's damages award to £16,000

Abuse victim fails to win therapy costs from father

By Lucy Berrington

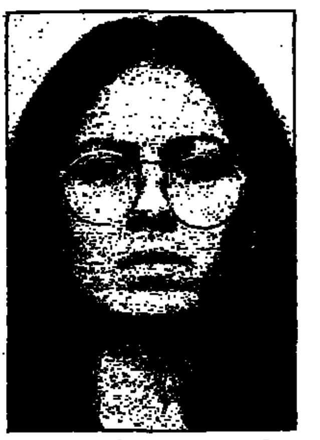
A WOMAN was awarded more than £16,000 damages from her adopted father yesterday for childhood sexual abuse but failed in her attempt to force him to contribute substantially to the cost of psychiatric treatment.

Helen Green, 24, had sought £45,000 in damages — £15,000 compensation and £30,960 for future medical treatment — in what her lawyers said was the first serious attempt to assess the cost of prolonged psychotherapy in such cases. However, she was awarded £16,764 including £384 interest at Colchester County Court, which was told that 11 years of sexual abuse had resulted in post-traumatic stress syndrome. She was also awarded costs estimated at £20,000.

The court was told that the abuse had prevented her from completing her university examinations and having a normal relationship with her boyfriend, and resulted in her developing an eating disorder and clinical depression.

Edward Green, 72, a retired chartered accountant, had sexually abused her after adopting her from a children's home when she was two, the court was told. He was not in court yesterday but had admitted liability.

Judge Bradbury said he was not convinced that Miss Green would undergo the psychiatric treatment advised by a psychiatrist specialising in cases of childhood sexual abuse. He awarded £13,000 compensation, £2,500 towards future treatment and £880 to cover counselling already received. Miss Green, who waived her right to anonymity "in the public interest", had received counselling but stopped her treatment while pursuing the legal action. "If I had counselling now it would just be me talking about courts and solicitors," she had told the court. "That isn't addressing the issue." Miss Green,



Helen Green: wanted abuse legally recognised

who lives with her boyfriend in Handforth in Cheshire, confronted her father about the abuse in 1986 on the advice of a counsellor. Mr Green agreed she should leave the family home but he maintained contact until 1994. In a letter written in November 1991, shortly before the case was investigated by police, Edward Green told her: "I am trying to 'sort myself out'. I have set in motion an arrangement to see a psychiatrist to see if he can explain to me how I got into this mess, because otherwise I have to believe that I am intrinsically evil."

He said he had been asked to give a statement to police. "I may well feel better afterwards to have got it off my mind. Love you, Dad." He was cautioned by police shortly afterwards but Helen was studying for examinations and refused to press charges.

Mr Green and his wife Pauline are selling their £275,000 manor house in Uffington, Lincolnshire. He had been granted legal aid to fight the case.

Miss Green's solicitor said the case illustrated the legal profession's resistance to psychotherapy. Miss Green had rejected three out of court settlements, including an offer of £20,000, because she wanted the abuse legally recognised after she had been ostracised by her family.

MICHAEL POWELL

Dame Vera at the launch of the commemorative coin yesterday

Dame Vera launches European peace coin

A COMMEMORATIVE £2 coin marking fifty years of peace in Europe was unveiled by Dame Vera Lynn yesterday. Part of the proceeds will go to the Royal British Legion.

The coin, symbolising reconciliation, features a dove, and the edge is inscribed "1945 In Peace Goodwill 1995". The coin comes in three versions — a limited edition gold coin at £295, a silver coin at £26.50 and a nickel-brass version at £4.50. Last year, the British Legion received £100,000 from sales of the D-Day commemorative 50p coin.

Sir Geoffrey Dalton, president of the legion, said: "We are sure this will be a success. This support gives us tremendous encouragement in carrying out our work."

Dame Vera, 77, who this summer will star at a number of events to celebrate the end of the Second World War, said: "We know the legion is very much in need of money so we sincerely hope that even more money will be raised this year."

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North:
♠653
♥87
♦K87
♣AK876

West:
♠KQ
♥J1096
♦J94
♣Q1054

East:
♠A87
♥KQ54
♦1063
♣J92

South:
♠J10942
♥A32
♦AQ52
♣3

S	W	N	E
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠ (1)	All pass		

Opening lead: ♥J

By Robert Sheehan
Bridge Correspondent

(1) Unwise — his partner's high cards are too likely to be in the wrong place.

A few weeks ago I gave a hand in which the defenders' trump holding was A x opposite singleton king. The declarer played a side suit which either defender could ruff. But if the defender ruffed with the small trump the ace and king subsequently fell on the same trick, and if either defender ruffed high the declarer got away a loser and subsequently only lost one trump trick.

Today's hand, from the £3 game at St John's Wood Bridge Club, has a similar theme. On the lead of the jack of hearts the declarer appears to have four top losers. But see what happens if the declarer plays four rounds of diamonds, throwing a heart from dummy on the fourth round. If West ruffs, the defence subsequently make only two more top trumps; if East ruffs low, the declarer subsequently plays trumps, crashing the defence's three honours in two rounds.

Macallan Pairs

The Macallan International Bridge Pairs Championship, in association with *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*, will be held at the White House Hotel, Albany Street, London NW1, on January 25-27. For details and tickets contact the English Bridge Union, Broadfields, Bicester Road, Aylesbury, Bucks HP19 3BG (tel: 0296 394414).

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Fine strategy

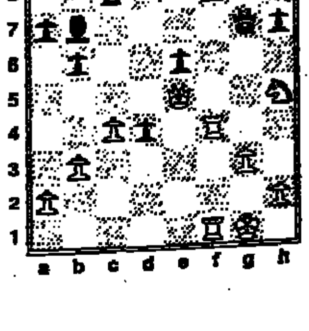
Harry Golombek OBE (1911-1995) who died at the weekend will be remembered on the chessboard for his firm grasp of fine strategic principles. It was his firm view that only when an opponent had been strategically outplayed was it possible to deliver an elegant tactical *coup de grâce*. The following game illustrates his principles in action, concluding as it does with a queen sacrifice to force checkmate.

White: Golombek
Black: Norman-Hansen
Margate 1935

Queen's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	Nf3	e6
3	c4	b6
4	g3	Bb7
5	Bg2	Be7
6	0-0	0-0
7	Nc3	d5
8	Ne5	c6
9	b3	Nbd7
10	Bb2	Rc8
11	Rc1	Bd6
12	f4	Qe7
13	e3	Ba3
14	Bxa3	Qxa3
15	e4	Nxe5
16	fxe5	Nxe4
17	Bxe4	dxe4
18	Nxe4	Qe7
19	Qh5	f5
20	exf6	gxf6
21	Nxf6+	Kh8
22	Qe5	Qg7
23	Rf4	c5
24	Rcf1	cxd4
25	Nh5	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



After 25 ... Qxe5 26 Rxf8+ leads to mate.

The first women's world champion, Vera Menchik, was killed by enemy action in London in 1944. The recent Hastings tournament was named in her honour. In the early 1930s Menchik often defeated the leading British masters, but with the advent of Harry Golombek she met her match, as this game shows.

White: Golombek
Black: Menchik
London 1937

Queen's Gambit Accepted

1	d4	d5
2	c4	dxc4
3	Nf3	a6
4	e3	Bg4
5	Bxc4	e6
6	Qb3	Ra7
7	Ne5	Bh5
8	0-0	Nd7
9	f4	Nxe5
10	fxe5	b5
11	Bd3	c5
12	Be4	Rc7
13	Bd2	c4
14	Qc2	Qd7
15	Ba5	Rc8
16	Nd2	Ne7
17	Nf3	Nc6
18	Be1	Nb4
19	Bxb4	Bxb4
20	a4	Be7
21	axb5	axb5
22	d5	Bg6
23	d6	Bxe4
24	Qxe4	Bd8
25	Nd4	Black resigns

White's passed pawn on d6 guarantees a quick victory.

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Audit Commission blames inefficiency on weak councillors and overpaid management

Local councils accused of wasting £1 billion a year

By Ian Murray, Community Correspondent

Sir Jeremy Beecham: rejects claim that senior staff are overpaid

TOO *many local government* officers are inefficiently employed, large numbers are overpaid and only a few councils function even adequately, according to two damning reports by the Audit Commission published today.

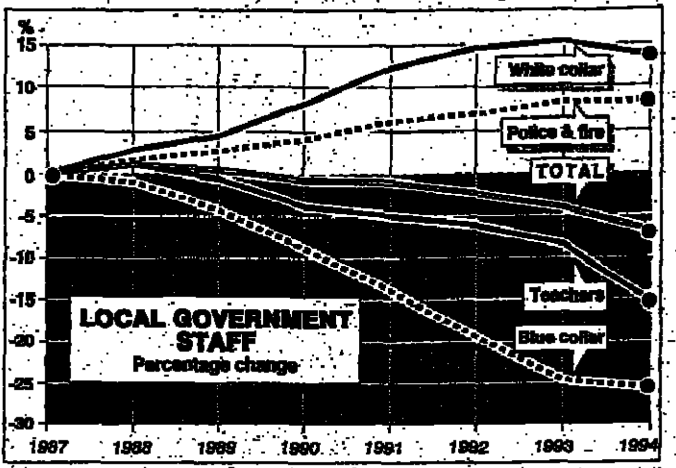
In a blunt warning that services everywhere are bound to deteriorate if authorities do not make urgent radical changes, the commission blames central government, weak councillors, poor management and archaic, entrenched work practices for wasting up to £1 billion a year of taxpayers' money.

The commission is so concerned by its findings that it is staging two major conferences for councillors, chief executives and senior managers to put its message across. All councillors are being sent a checklist to help them to find out how their authority is going wrong, and a weighty handbook of good practice will be issued by Easter to provide in-depth guidance on how to put things right. The *commission says reform is* urgent because over the next three years the Government is determined to cut local government *spending in real terms by 6 per* cent, excluding community care. That is in contrast to the 13 per cent real growth in spending since *1986. If councils fail to* control their pay bills, the commission says many will be unable to balance resources with service commitments.

In studying more than 300 authorities, the commission found that between 1986 and 1993 the number of non-manual staff rose by 90,000 to 730,000 and the pay bill for them increased by 85 per cent. The number of senior *posts increased by 60 per cent,* with 45,000 new jobs paying over £18,000 a year. At the same time the number of manual workers *fell by 150,000, or 25 per cent, and* the number of teachers was cut by 50,000 or 10 per cent.

The commission says that *central government was responsible* for half the growth in non-manual staff by introducing initiatives *such as* community care and increased numbers of school-based non-teaching staff. Many more were employed by *councils to cope with imposed* changes. "Central government needs to consider how far its aim of achieving a freeze in the public-sector pay *bill is* consistent with other policy changes it wishes local government to pursue," the commission says. "Local government will be better able to improve productivity and freeze pay bills if central government shows restraint in imposing new and radical changes on to local authorities."

The commission is equally scathing about the failure of *councils to adopt management* structures and reach logical decisions about necessary cuts in spending. "Senior HQ staff often *escape unscathed while the* council freezes vacancies or cuts the number of front-line staff," according to the commission. "*Although costs are reduced, there is* no automatic improvement in productivity. Service levels and quality may be undermined. Decisions are often based upon *historic precedent or decibel* planning, where the loudest voice wins the most money."



The commission found vast *variations in salary levels for* jobs of similar responsibility, with some officers in the same authority being paid twice as *much as others of equal rank.* Secrecy between councils meant that neighbouring authorities were often paying staff at widely unequal rates.

Management consultants, employed to advise on how to recruit and retain senior staff in the late 1980s, had fixed pay scales well above *the going market rate.* Some chief executives in shire districts earn six-figure salaries — higher than those paid by any *London borough. The* commission did not, however, find that staff levels were too high, since "the demands on services seem almost infinite". Its complaint is that staff are usually in the dark about council policy while no mechanism exists for front-line services to report back on how well they are functioning.

Sir Jeremy Beecham, chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said on *behalf of* local authority associations: "Any idea that local government is stuffed with unnecessary and overpaid *bureaucrats would be nonsense.*" The 60 per cent rise in senior staff was in response to government policy and included profession*als such as child-care workers,* environmental health officers and consumer protection staff.

Audit Commission conferences will be held on January 31 at Cavendish Conference Centre, London, and on February 8 at the Hilton Hotel, Leeds.

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BBC sets aside £1m for film talent

THE BBC is launching a £1 million film fund to provide "seed corn" finance for new British writers, producers and *directors* (Alexandra Frean writes).

The fund, which is being financed from a reserve *account created by John Birt,* the corporation's Director-General, will be used solely to help struggling film-makers *in the independent sector.*

George Faber, head of BBC single drama, said that unless the Corporation acted quickly *to snap up emerging new* talent, it would be lost to its commercial rivals.

Grants of up to £100,000 *will be distributed from the* fund to applicants by a small panel of film-makers including Danny Boyle, director of *Shallow Grave* and Beeban Kidron, director of *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit.*

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Tests offered to 1,300 patients of dentist who defied Aids work ban

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Services Correspondent

A *DENTIST suffering from* Aids continued treating patients despite being told to stop practising, two London health *authorities said yesterday. At* least 1,300 of his former patients, including 67 children, are to be offered free HIV tests *and counselling.*

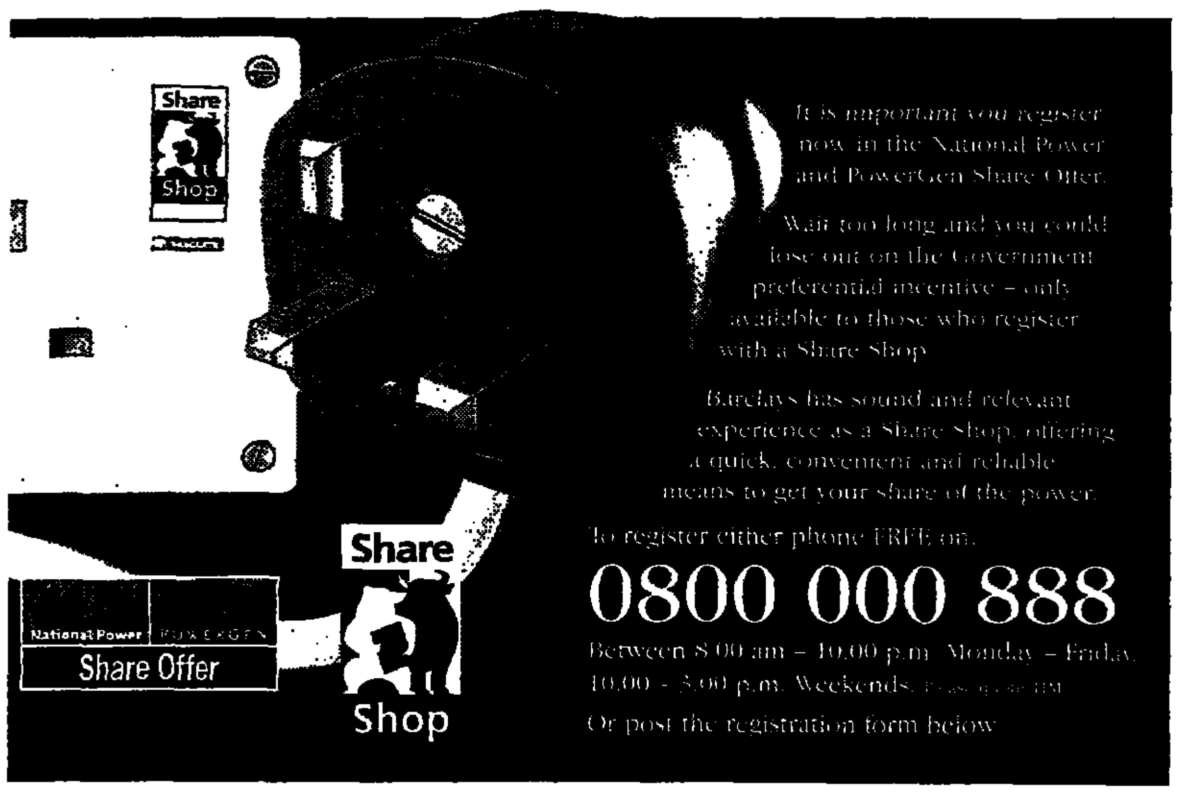
Dr Vikram Advani treated patients at his private practice in Kensington for six months *after beginning hospital treat*ment for Aids in February 1993. He lied to hospital consultants, telling them he *had given up his practice. He* died of an Aids-related illness the following November. Earlier he had an NHS practice in Camden but withdrew from it in 1991. It is not known when he discovered he was HIV-positive.

The two health authorities *are contacting patients treated* by Dr Advani since January 1988, alerting them to the "small risk" of having con*tracted the virus. At a news* conference yesterday, Professor Newell Johnson, of King's College School of Dentistry, *said the only case in the world* in which an HIV-infected health worker had passed the virus to a patient involved a *dentist in Florida.*

"The most telling piece of evidence is that over a decade there has been only this one case. *Worldwide*, over 22,000 patients known to have been treated by 63 HIV-positive health workers, including 33 dentists, have been followed up and there has been not a single case of transmission apart from the Florida case."

The case of Dr Advani has raised *concerns that existing* guidelines for health workers infected with HIV are inadequate. John James, chief *executive of Kensington,* Chelsea and Westminster health authority, said that Dr Advani had told the consultants look*ing after him that he had* ceased practising. "After his death it transpired that he had not done so," he said.

John Hunt, chief executive of the British Dental Association, said compensation should be offered to encourage *HIV-infected health workers* to give up practising. "You can imagine that a person who knows he is likely to die within a period of years, perhaps desperately needs to keep practising as long as he can to keep him and his family going," he said.



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Hayley Gladstone, who received her engineering award from Gillian Shephard

Engineer builds bridges for women

A WOMAN engineer proved her careers teacher wrong yesterday when she won a prestigious award 12 years after being told she had no chance of finding a job in a male-dominated industry.

***Hayley Gladstone,* who is senior project manager for the telecommunications company GPT in Coventry, was named Young Woman Engineer of the Year. She has overseen projects that include the modernisation of communications on the Peking Metro. Next month she and her husband Phil, who also works for GPT, move to Hong Kong where she will manage a contract for the new airport extension.**

Receiving her award from *Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary,* Mrs Gladstone, 28, from Solihull, West Midlands, recalled telling her careers teacher at Tile Hill Wood girls comprehensive school in Coventry she wanted to be an engineer.

"She told me I didn't stand a chance. The image of the engineer was of grease behind the fingernails. But a lot of engineering work is now computer-based and I would advise girls not to be put off."

The Institution of Electronics and Electrical Incorporated Engineers, which sposored the award, has only 300 women among its 27,000 members.

Food store price wars 'undermine healthy diets'

By Robin Young

SUPERMARKET price wars are undermining healthy eating guidelines because discounts are heavily biased towards fatty, sugary foods, according to a report published today.

A survey by the Food Commission of discount lines offered in four leading supermarket chains showed that fatty, sugary foods constituted the largest category of foods promoted by all the supermarkets except Sainsbury. None promoted a range of products in line with the Department of Health's *National Food Guide*, published last year, which recommended that a third of diet should consist of fruit and vegetables, and a third of bread, cereals and potatoes.

While the guidelines suggest that fatty and sugary foods should form the smallest part of a diet, the commission found that at Kwik Save 38 per cent of the discounted lines were those categorised as sugary and fatty foods. At Safeway the proportion was 34 per cent. Fruit and vegetables accounted for only a tenth to a fifth of discounts.

"*The supermarkets* are encouraging poor diets among those who have to watch their money," said Dr Tim *Lobstein, author of the report* published today in *The Food Magazine*. "These are precisely the people who are already *suffering high rates of obesity* and ill-health related to diet."

Dr Lobstein said that the policy of cutting prices on sugary and fatty foods such as burgers, chips, crisps, jams, biscuits, cakes, ice-cream and soft drinks in preference to fruit and vegetables "contradicts the supermarkets' own avowed policies of encouraging better diets".

The report criticises the quality of foods sold on special promotions, saying that added water and fat are often a feature of low-cost lines on which nutrition labelling is either scanty or missing. The commission found Tesco apples pies which contained more fat than fruit, Sainsbury fruit yoghurt with more added water than fruit, and Kwik Save and Tesco meat grills and burgers made principally of mechanically recovered meat.

Spokesmen from all the supermarket chains yesterday claimed that they regularly offered promotions on fruit, vegetable, and cereal products; and said price competition was just as keen there as in other sectors. "We believe it is possible to enjoy a completely healthy diet while buying solely low cost or discounted lines," a spokesman for Kwik Save said.

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Tories accused of putting party before nation

Labour will strive to shape future of Europe, says Blair

By Philip Webster, political editor

TONY BLAIR declared last night that Labour would be a reforming pro-European government, serving the national interest through exercising influence in the institutions that are shaping Europe's future.

In a speech in Brussels, the Labour leader gave his strongest indication so far of his personal support for a single currency as he set out what he called an "agenda for constructive reform" in Europe.

While confirming his readiness to hold a referendum on future constitutional change, Mr Blair signalled that he would be in the integrationist camp as he called on the pro-Europeans to be the "persuaders" in the debate about Europe's future. He also threw Labour's backing behind the idea of a common foreign and security policy, and said that a Labour government would sign up to the social chaper.

Mr Blair was setting out to present Labour as the party of constructive pro-Europeanism, saying the Tories were unable to lead in Europe because of their divisions. He said that John Major had written off next year's intergovernmental conference on Europe, putting the interests of the Tory party before the interests of the country. The result was short-term unity at home and isolation abroad — isolation not just from socialists and social democrats, but from Christian Democrats and Conservatives.

Speaking to a conference organised by Labour MEPs, Mr Blair said the Government's insistence that monetary union was not on the agenda was untrue. "Today from Germany through the Hague and Brussels to Paris and Madrid people are debating monetary union and convergence. It is a dialogue which we either join and influence now or stand aside and fail to influence once again. Labour intends to play a full part in any future discussion of European economic co-operation."

Mr Blair said that monetary union had up to now been driven solely by political will but it must now be driven by economic reality. He then gave a clear hint of his own preference. He said that for Labour the key question was whether, through greater co-operation, it could achieve the necessary degree of integration and convergence of inflation rates, growth and unemployment. He said Labour also had to ask how it could persuade the people of Europe that adopting a single currency was "a step that is sensible and right to take".

Blair: backs common foreign policy

A move to monetary union would be sustainable only if it was legitimate and right in the eyes of the voters. "The need to close the gap between governors and governed in Europe is now urgent, and we have made clear that where important constitutional arrangements are at stake the people must have their say. As we have said over and over again if a referendum is necessary for that to happen we will consider it. We can only move forward if we carry the people with us."

Mr Blair put reform of the common agricultural policy (CAP) at the top of the agenda. The EU could not be enlarged to the East with the CAP as it now stood, but the Tories could not deliver reform because they had no credibility. He called for changes to the intervention sytem that created wine lakes and food mountains, reform of the subisides that led to dumping, a crackdown on fraud, new incentives for socially acpcetable land management schemes, and a new policy that put support for farming in the contest of wider investment in rural areas.

Mr Blair said Labour had a positive vision of the future of Europe that was neither isolationist nor federalist, a vision that brought together Britain's national interest with Europe's common interest. "We must start to lead in Europe and not be dragged along behind."

Unease at Euro-scepticism

LABOUR MEPs, who are at the centre of controversy over Clause Four of the party's constitution, make up the largest national party group in the European Parliament (Wolfgang Münchau writes).

Their influence is enhanced, for they dominate the 221-strong Socialist group, which is the *de facto* majority party in the Parliament, since the right and centre-right are seriously divided. The Socialists may not win every vote, but little can be done without them.

Pauline Green, Labour MEP for North London, is the leader of the Socialist group, which includes 62 British MEPs. After Klaus Hänsch, the Parliament's president, she is the most powerful figure in the assembly.

In general, the views and concerns of MEPs often differ from those of colleagues in national parliaments. The small group of Conservative MEPs are Euro-enthusiasts, aligned with the federalist Christian Democrats. The Labour MEPs appear more in tune with their own party.

However, there are areas of disagreement between Labour MEPs and colleagues at home over European issues. Among senior Labour MEPs — who generally back the party leadership over reforming Clause Four — there is a degree of unease about the increase of Euro-sceptical tendencies in their party.

A speech by Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, at last year's conference of the Confederation of British Industry, and Tony Blair's caution about future institutional changes in the European Union are of concern to many Labour MEPs. They want next year's EU intergovernmental conference to bring a radical increase in the European Parliament's powers.

Fearful hard Left wasted no time in fight for Clause 4

By Jill Sherman and Arthur Leathley

A PLOT to defeat Tony Blair's campaign to replace Clause Four was hatched within minutes of his announcement at the party conference in October.

Alan Simpson, secretary of the hard-left Campaign Group, rushed to the group's makeshift office in the Winter Gardens in Blackpool and hastily printed a petition backing the party's nationalisation clause that was then presented to conference delegates as they left the hall.

"A number of us listening to the speech twigged that Tony wanted to dump Clause Four," Mr Simpson said. "We ran off a petition but most delegates did not know what we were on about. They had not understood the coding of Tony's words."

By the end of the week, Mr Simpson had attracted a number of allies including Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Miners, Dennis Skinner, the hard-left MP for Bolsover, and Tony Benn. The group are all from the hard-left faction of the party, which has been sidelined since Mr Blair took over as leader. Clause Four has presented the Left with its first focal point to go to war with Mr Blair.

The Left were particularly incensed by moves by the conference organisers to try to stop an embarrassing vote on Clause Four going ahead on the Thursday. The vote went ahead resulting in a narrow but humiliating defeat for Mr Blair.

David Winnick, the MP for Walsall North and a traditionalist left-winger, surprised many colleagues by delivering a bitter attack on Tony Blair during the debate. Mr Winnick quickly signed up to the Defend Clause Four campaign, which by now was mobilising support from trade unionists, party activists and MEPs. "We decided that to have any serious campaign to defend Clause Four we needed to have links with the trade unionists, the constituencies, the UK parliament and the European parliament," Mr Simpson said. By then Stan Newens, the former hard-left MP for Epping, who became an MEP in 1984, had joined the group.

By early November the Defend Clause Four campaign had its first formal meeting appointing four officers: honorary president, Arthur Scargill; honorary chairman, Stan Newens; honorary secretary, Doreen Cameron, president of the University and College Lecturers' Union; and honorary treasurer, Alan Simpson.

Since then the group has organised rallies, petitions and meetings within constituencies througout the country. It has also sent 50,000 newsletters to party members. The organisers claim that hundreds of party workers have been ringing their offices to see if they can help. "Mr Blair has not caught up with the mood of the people. They want common ownership," Mr Simpson said.

He claims that all 25 MPs of the Campaign Group are now signed up to the new body, including Mildred Gordon, Bob Parry, and Alice Mahon. Yesterday Jim Mortimer, former general secretary of the Labour Party, also declared his support as the group held a press conference for its official launch.

The press conference coincided with an advertisement in *The Guardian*, allegedly supported by 32 MEPs, calling for the retention of Clause Four. Mr Simpson denies any direct link with Alex Falconer, the MEP who organised the advertisement.

Several of the MEPs named in *The Guardian* yesterday withdrew their support for the advertisement claiming that their names were wrongfully taken from an earlier article in the *Tribune* newspaper. However, at least ten of the group of MEPs who have expressed concern about Mr Blair's moves are identified with the hard Left.

The *Tribune* group is also a separate campaign which has the support of MPs such as Clare Short, Michael Meacher and Derek Fatchett. It has accepted the need to change Clause 4, but wants it to contain a strong commitment to public ownership.

Mr Simpson denied that the two campaigns were linked, claiming that the *Tribune* group wanted a "wishy washy" compromise. However, Labour party sources claim that much of the Defend Clause Four campaign is being run out of *Tribune* offices.

Modernisers will beat their noisy, overrated opponents

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Tony Blair will win his battle over Clause Four at the end of April, not least because he has to do so. The latest stories about opposition from local parties and Labour members of the European Parliament are both overblown and overdue. They are a tactical warning to Mr Blair, not a strategic setback.

Mr Blair's decision to seek an updating of Labour's aims and objectives is not some optional exercise: an unnecessary and risky diversion from the main effort of challenging the Tories, as the opponents of change argue. Rewriting Clause Four is an integral part of Mr Blair's attempt to show that Labour is a new party. As he argued in his Brussels speech last night, "it is an essential, vital part of our crusade for change". A new version is both a symbol of change and a precondition for presenting policies which are in tune with voters' aspirations. Defeat could fatally undermine not just Mr Blair's leadership but also the modernisers' strategy.

After the initial hiccup of the narrow vote in favour of the existing Clause Four at the Labour conference, a vacuum developed over the following two months. Apart from issuing a rather woolly consultative document, the leadership allowed the opponents to seize the initiative. But the opposition is less substantial than it appears. *The Tribune* survey of local parties was far from comprehensive and focused on hostile motions, while the opponents are a familiar assembly from the far-Left, including even discredited old warhorses like Jim Mortimer. But mainstream left-wingers from Robin Cook to Clare Short have backed a new version of Clause Four.

The opponents have generated a lot of noise. This was bound to happen some time. Rewriting Clause Four was never going to be a walkover; otherwise, there was not much point in the attempt. In some respects, the turbulence of the past few days, also including the education fuss, is a timely warning to Mr Blair's team. They need to be sharper tactically and in handling the party.

The supporters of change are now going to be much more active in rallying support among Labour MPs and activists via newsletters and telephone campaigning. A consultative ballot of all Labour members is also possible, as a means of mobilising grassroots support and outflanking hard-core activists.

The real issue is not whether Clause Four is going to be rewritten — on which there will be a straight for or against vote on April 29 — but its wording. That is where the mainstream Left is concentrating its efforts. The new formula in March will, as Mr Blair indicated last night, refer to social justice, freedom etc, as well as to the combination of "key services remaining in public ownership" and "a dynamic modern market economy". That should satisfy most.

Over the next three and a half months there will be many false alarms and posturing. Trade union leaders will try to exercise what leverage they still have, if not on Clause Four, then on other policies. Much of this will be about internal union politics. The party leadership is going to be cautious until the end of April in order not to alienate potential supporters. Hence, spokesmen sound vague and evasive when asked how they would respond to particular government initiatives. There will be plenty of scope for the Tories to counter-attack as John Major gleefully did yesterday in the Commons.

The official word from the leadership is that bright, shining new Labour policies are queuing up on the runway waiting for take-off. It is merely a question of timing. Perhaps. The battle over Clause Four is important and has to be won. But expressing its values in modern terms does not absolve the party from the need to talk coherently about running the public services — to show it has a new language of Government as well as of party.

PETER RIDDELL

Leaders clash in rail ticket dispute

By Alice Thomson, political reporter

JOHN MAJOR and Tony Blair began 1995 in the Commons yesterday with angry exchanges over rail ticketing after the network is privatised.

On the first day back after the Christmas break, the Labour Leader accused the Prime Minister of allowing the rail regulator to reduce through-ticketing to such an extent that people will have to travel up to 50 miles to get a ticket. Mr Blair said this would be unacceptable and called for Mr Major to deny franchises to potential rail operators if they refused to offer tickets covering the whole network.

John Swift, the regulator, is allegedly planning to cut the number of stations where passengers will be able to buy rail tickets covering the whole network to one in ten.

Mr Major, speaking during Prime Minster's questions, denied that the Government would support such plans. He told Mr Blair: "I am at least as committed to through-ticketing as you are. Through-ticketing should continue to be available from a wide range of outlets to meet passengers' needs." He told the House that although the rail regulator, like other regulators, was by law independent, the Transport Secretary had powers to give him guidance under the Railways Act.

To Labour cheers, Mr Blair challenged the Government to halt rail privatisation and ensure railways were a properly "integrated public service". The Prime Minister challenged Mr Blair: "If privatisation is as bad as you say, why will you not commit yourself to renationalising British Rail?" He asked the Labour leader whether after 50 years of nationalisation he was "really satisfied" with the present rail service.

Mr Blair countered: "I'll tell you what we complain of and that is the railway system being sold off instead of used as a proper public service. If you cannot guarantee through-ticketing, and if you are prepared to spend hundreds of millions of pounds on a privatisation people don't want, when the public rightly fear it will be used for the same pay excesses as in other privatised utilities, why don't you accept that our party's campaign to halt this privatisation is right and it should be retained as a proper integrated public service?"

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY: In the Commons questions were answered by employment ministers and the Prime Minister. William Waldegrave, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, answered questions on the European Council on fishing. Michael Howard, Home Secretary, made a statement on the Prison Service. MPs debated the second reading of the Jobseekers Bill.

In the Lords the remaining stages of the European Communities (Finance) Bill were completed.

TODAY: In the Commons questions to trade and industry ministers will be followed by the introduction of a Ten Minute Rule Bill on Media (Diversity) and a debate on the Committee of Selection.

In the Lords a debate on the Government's forestry review will be followed by a debate on Viscount Mountgarret's Central European Time Bill.

Workshy warned of a 'hard time'

By Alice Thomson

THE unemployed have nothing to fear from the Government's new jobseeker's allowance if they genuinely want to find a job, Michael Portillo told the Commons yesterday.

The Employment Secretary made it clear that those who thought they had a "God-given right to be idle and live off others" would have an increasingly hard time. "The taxpayer has every right to expect those seeking work to do so with vigour," he said.

Mr Portillo was opening the debate on the second reading of the Jobseekers Bill. The new allowance will replace unemployment benefit and income support for those out of work.

Although the Bill provides a package of measures to help the unemployed find work, it will also cut entitlement to non-means-tested benefit from one year to six months and reduce the amount of assistance the jobless receive with mortgage repayments.

People still unemployed after six months, and those not qualifying for contributory benefits or with dependants, would be eligible for benefit on an income-related basis "for as long as they need it".

"Most people without a job want more than anything else to be able to work. This Bill is designed with those people in mind, and those people have nothing to fear from it," Mr Portillo said. But people had to demonstrate their desire to work, "whether that be attending courses, undergoing training or actually doing work on programmes of activity financed by the Government".

If a jobseeker refused to do reasonable things aimed at making them more employable, sanctions would follow. Vulnerable groups, such as the ill, pregnant women or people with children, would be protected from losing benefit because of the sanctions, Mr Portillo said. "Healthy, childless people will have no access to hardship payments if they fail the basic conditions of entitlement and will have no access to hardship payments for two weeks if they break rules once on benefit."

Harriet Harman, Shadow Employment Secretary, repeatedly clashed with Mr Portillo in the highly charged debate, accusing him of trying to cut unemployment benefit only for the benefit of the Treasury.

"This cut will make thousands of people worse off," she said. "The Bill will not help reduce unemployment. What it will do is make those out of work and even those in work more insecure."

Ms Harman accused the Government of living in fairyland on the subject of unemployment. "At any one time 90,000 people will lose benefit altogether under this reform, and more than 250,000 people will be adversely affected. This Bill will inflict misery," she said.

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Kohl agents identify 22,000 Muslim radicals

Bonn fears Algerian war on German soil

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

HELMUT KOHL, the German Chancellor, is becoming increasingly nervous that France will suck his country and indeed the whole European Union into the Algerian Government's war with Islamic fundamentalists.

Pressure has been growing from France to control more closely Rabah Kebir, the exiled leader of the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS). *According to* police sources, this has led to *electronic surveillance* of Mr Kebir, who lives near Cologne. At the same time, the French Foreign Ministry has been urging the Germans to give Mr Kebir a measure of freedom so that he can take part in eventual peace negotiations.

These apparently conflicting demands from Paris have confused Germany and have added to the high level of anxiety about the Algerian conflict. *Hans-Ludwig* Zachert, the head of the German Federal *Criminal* Investigation Office, said at the weekend that "Islamic extremist attacks against Germans could no longer be ruled out".

The German counter-espionage service has prepared a report entitled "Islamic extremism and its effects on the Federal Republic of Germany" which identifies 14 radical *Muslim* groups and more than 22,000 active *sympathisers in Germany.* The report was buried in the *German* security bureaucracy for some months but after the Christmas hijacking, when members of the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), an FIS splinter organisation, seized an Air France airliner — the Chancellor's office unearthed the document.

Bernd Schmidbauer, Herr Kohl's security adviser, has made the close tracking of Islamic extremists in Ger*many a priority for the various* police and intelligence services. The German police believe that weapons, radio transmitters and detonators are being bought in Germany and Eastern Europe and then transported to Algeria.

The fear is that when the Schengen open-border agreement is implemented at the end of March there will be *no* effective control of Islamic *radicals* crossing from France. That way, a crisis for one *European member state* will rapidly become a crisis for the whole Union.

Politically, the Germans are worried on two additional counts. First, France may use the instability in Algeria to push for an even more ambitious Mediterranean aid programme at the expense of Central Europe, Germany's natural area of interest.

Second, the position of Charles Pasqua, the French Interior Minister, may be *strengthened as France intensifies* its internal policing campaign against Muslim radicals. M Pasqua is not popular with the German Government, which views him as the main obstacle to a swift passage of a convention setting up the Europol police network.

The counter-espionage report indicates strongly that the German authorities *have* been keeping a careful watch on Mr Kebir. *He applied for asylum* in Germany in November 1992 *and* has *since* built up a web of Islamic activists in the country who openly campaign against the present Algerian regime and want to set up a Koranic theocracy.

Mr Kebir denies that the FIS uses violent methods. "We have chosen the peaceful political path," he said recently. That was enough to gain at least provisional approval for his asylum application. But *the counter-espionage service* remains sceptical.

"FIS sympathisers living in Germany have been involved in the dispatch of weapons and other technical material to Algeria," says the report.

Hamburg has been at the centre of much of the German investigation. It is from the northern port that equipment and weapons have been transhipped to Algeria. The "Islamic Centre" in Hamburg "counts as one of the chief ideological centres in Western Europe in propagating Iranian-*style Islam*", according to the report.

It also claims that extremists have infiltrated the Union *of Islamic Student* Associations in Europe, which are particularly active in university cities in Germany. It alleges that there is an active recruitment campaign centred on Germany's many mosques. At least two million Muslims, mostly Turks, live in Germany. The danger, according to German officials, is that radical Turks will make common cause with FIS sympathisers.

Exiled opposition leaders offer deal to end civil strife

BY TUNKU VARADARAJAN

ALGERIAN opposition leaders, gathered in Rome for informal talks, announced yesterday they had agreed on *a draft proposal to end their* country's three-year civil war.

Those attending the conference — conducted under the *auspices of Sant'*Egidio, a *non*-governmental Catholic peace group — include Anwar Haddam, a senior member in exile of the outlawed Islamic Salvation Front (FIS). Mr Haddam said that the document would "provide hope for the future".

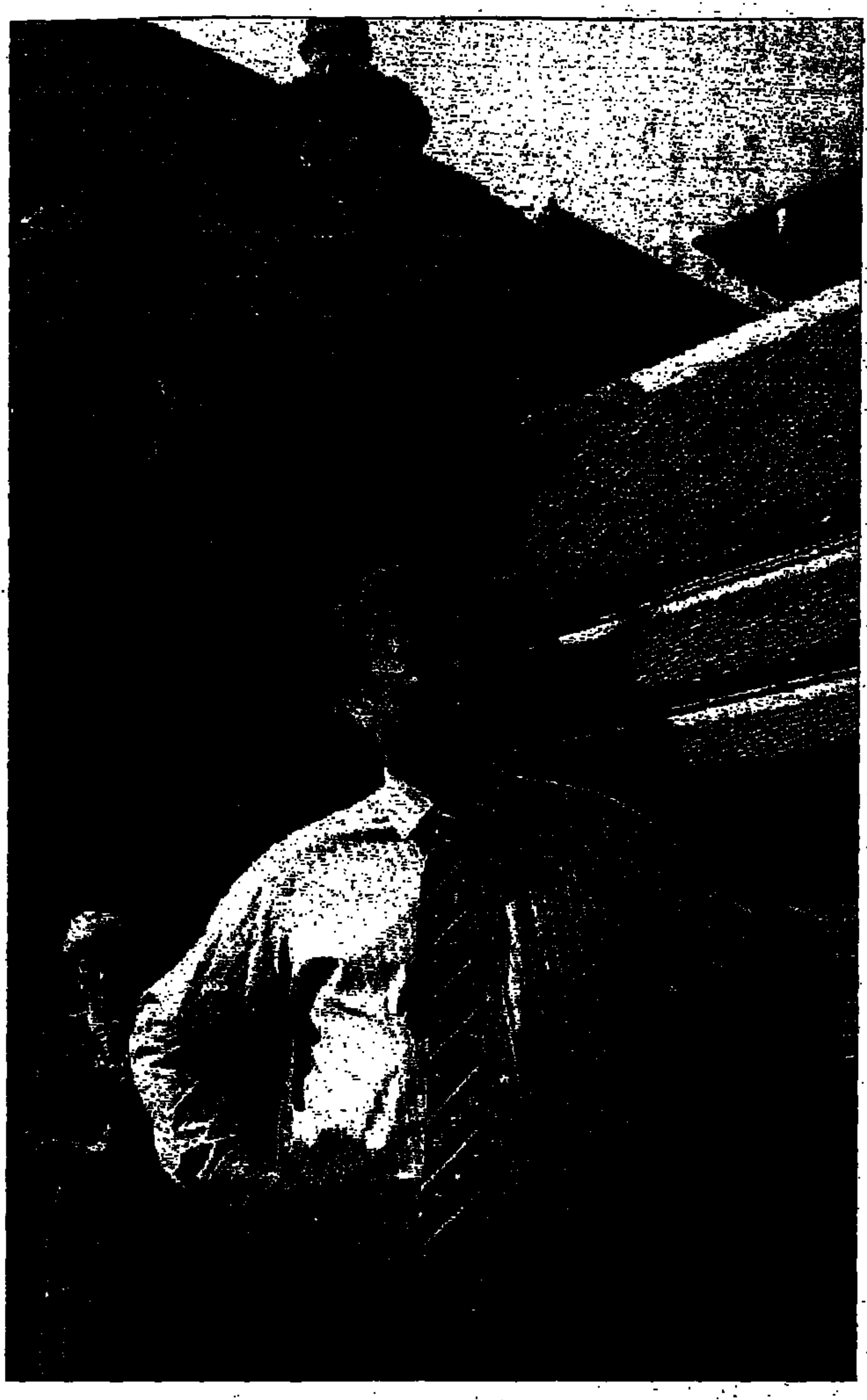
Also attending the talks are representatives of the secular opposition, such as Abdelhamid Mehri, general secretary of the National Liberation Front, and Hocine Ait Ahmed, the outspoken leader of the *Socialist Front Forces.*

According to Ahmed Ben Bella, *who led Algeria's first* Government after independence, *and who is also present* at the Sant'Egidio conference, "an agreement on several fundamental questions will be made public either today or on Thursday".

Last night, the Algerian Government criticised "personalities and parties who have exported the national political debate to foreign soil". A spokesman said the Government "will not tolerate any external interference in Algeria's internal affairs".

The latest round of talks in *Rome began three days after* the first public condemnation *by the FIS of attacks on* civilians since the eruption of the civil war in January 1992. In a statement issued in Bonn, its leadership in exile condemned "all acts which affect innocents, whatever their tendency or their religion.

☐ **Algiers:** Mokdad Sifi, the Prime Minister, set up a seven-member ministerial committee to organise presidential elections promised for this year. *(Reuter)*



Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, visits the Temple of the Emerald Buddha in Bangkok yesterday at the end of a six-day visit to Thailand to promote British business. Vijit Supinit, Bank of Thailand governor, briefed him on the liberalisation of the Thai financial market. Mr Clarke had suggested that the relatively slow opening of Thai financial markets had so far inhibited British investors. But Mr Vijit, citing proposed expansion of the Bangkok International Banking Facility and other banking licences, said Thailand was ahead of some other Southeast Asian countries in deregulating financial markets and the finance sector in advance of world trade requirements. Mr Clarke, who later left for Vietnam, said Thailand should place more emphasis on high-technology industries. ***(Reuter)***

Clarke ends Thai visit

Burma may free Suu Kyi in tourist drive

FROM ALASTAIR LAWSON-TANCRED IN RANGOON

AUNG SAN SUU KYI, the Burmese opposition leader who has been under house arrest since 1988, will be freed by the end of the year, according to diplomatic sources in Rangoon.

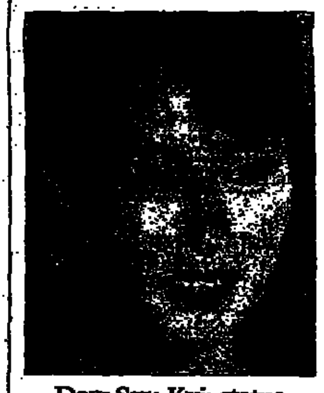
They expect the ruling military junta to free *Daw Suu Kyi* before a campaign to boost *tourism in the country begins* in 1996, which has been tagged "Visit Myanmar (Burma) Year". Sources in Rangoon's British and American embassies say it will be extremely difficult for Burma's generals to allow a large influx of tourists while Daw Suu Kyi is held.

"She already holds the same kind of status in this country as Nelson Mandela did while in prison *in South Africa,"* one ambassador said. "The ques*tion facing the generals is not* if Suu Kyi will be released, but when."

Diplomats believe the ruling State Law and Order Restoration Council is trying to persuade Daw Suu Kyi to agree a power-sharing arrangement with the Government. Sources say the key to her release depends on the council's two most senior men: Generals Than Shwe and Kim Nyunt. "These men are really little more than jumped-up corporals," *said a Rangoon* observer. "They preside over *an odious regime treated as a* pariah by most of the world."

Daw Suu Kyi is in her sixth year of house arrest since her party, the National League for Democracy, won an overwhelming election majority.

☐ **Bangkok:** Sai Lek, a leader of the Shan insurrection against the Burmese Government, has died, the *Nation* newspaper reported yesterday. Sai Lek, 54, was an ally of Khun Sa, the drug warlord. The newspaper said that his death would be a blow for Khun Sa, ten of whose lieutenants were arrested in Thailand recently for alleged drug *smuggling. (AFP)*



Daw Suu Kyi: status of Nelson Mandela

Morocco tries seven French extremists

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

THE trial of seven French Muslims, charged with orchestrating terrorist *attacks* last summer that left two *people dead, began in* Morocco yesterday.

At least two of the defendants at the hearing in Fez are facing death sentences for their role in the shooting of a group of Spanish tourists in Marrakesh in August.

Stephané Ait Idir, 22, and Hammadi Radouane, 23, have told their lawyers that they "do not fear the punishment of God". Their confessions offer *graphic evidence of the* inroads made by Islamic fundamentalists *into* France's disinherited Muslim youth, according to the French press.

Mr Ait Idir and Mr Radouane say they were recruited on their rundown estate to the north of Paris, encouraged to follow the Koran, and finally sent to Islamic training camps in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The five other Frenchmen come from similar backgrounds, with *Islam offered as* an alternative to the drugs and unemployment of French suburbs, and were sent out to North Africa on missions to "destabilise the Moroccan economy".

Slovo to be buried in Soweto

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

AVALON cemetery in southern Soweto, the black city on the outskirts of Johannesburg, is to be the last resting place of Joe Slovo, the Communist Minister of Housing who died last Friday.

Mr Slovo will be the first white man to be buried there. *Helen Joseph,* the anti-apartheid campaigner, was also buried there.

Mr Slovo's funeral on Sunday *promises to be an occasion* of much ceremony, although as a Jewish atheist, the religious content of his multi-denominational farewell at a Soweto sports stadium may be expected to be minimal. He was the darling of the townships and countless children have been named Slovo in his honour, so the emotional content will be high. *More* than 300 overseas guests have been invited to attend, including President Castro of Cuba, *who is said to have been a* great friend.

Tributes, *some from surprising quarters,* have continued to pour in. One from *The Citizen* newspaper, generally regarded as expressing the views of Johannesburg's blue-collar whites, paid gracious tribute to the man they once regarded as "a terror master who was responsible for death and injury to innocent people". The newspaper called him "a towering intellect, an astute negotiator and a *Minister of Housing* who was both innovative and *pragmatic".*

Muhammad Nagui Mustafa, one of two men sentenced to death, shouts his defiance

Cairo novelist's attackers to hang

BY GENEIVE ABDO IN CAIRO

AN Egyptian military court sentenced two men to death yesterday for the near-fatal stabbing of Naguib Mahfouz, the Nobel prize-winning novelist

The court in Huckstep, a suburb northeast of Cairo, sentenced 12 other men to *prison terms ranging from* three to 25 years for their involvement in the stabbing outside Mahfouz's Cairo home in October. The author, 83, is seen as a thorn in the side of Muslim extremists.

Clutching the bars of their cage inside the dim courtroom, the men protested after the sentences were read. Some shouted in solidarity with Shaikh Omar Abdel Rahman, a blind Muslim cleric spiritual leader of Egypt's main Islamic militant group, the Gamaa al-*Islamiya. Shaikh Rahman,* now in prison in New York, *issued a religious order in* 1989, based on Mahfouz's writings, declaring him an apostate.

The defendants' families, who were barred from the court, wailed and recited Koranic verses on hearing the news. The mother of one defendant tried to chase a police van carrying her son, but she collapsed in the sand.

The attempt on Mahfouz's life raised fears that insurgents in Egypt were following in the footsteps of Muslim *militants in Algeria, who have* killed many writers, journal*ists and artists in a relentless* campaign to topple the military-backed regime. "There is a possibility this attack was the beginning of what we are seeing in Algeria," said Alain Roussinnon, a French scholar living in Cairo and an expert on Islamic movements.

Rabin vows to hold on to east Jerusalem

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

YITZHAK RABIN, the Israeli Prime Minister, yesterday returned to the *narrow streets of Jerusalem's Old City* which, as Chief of Staff, he captured from *the Arabs in 1967. He vowed during his* visit that Israel would never hand back annexed east Jersualem or key parts of the occupied West Bank under any final peace deal with the Palestinians.

His remarks, made during an official tour of both east and west Jerusalem with Ehud Olmert, the right-wing mayor, appeared designed to provoke further Palestinian anger at the very moment Egypt was issuing a warning that continued expansion of Jewish settlements had created a crisis in relations *between Israel and the Palestine Liberation* Organisation. The Egyptian announcement came after an emergency meeting in Cairo between President Mubarak and Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader. Amr Moussa, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, claimed that the expansion of settlements on occupied land was a serious violation of international law.

Mr Arafat has asked the United States *to intervene to stop Israel funding* and expanding Jewish settlements. Nabil Shaath, a PLO official, *said yesterday* that Mr Arafat made his request during a meeting with an American official in Jerusalem.

Despite all the rhetoric yesterday, another West Bank settlement emerged as a new flash point between Jews and Arabs as residents of the Jewish enclave of Elkana began erecting a barbed wire fence on a nearby *hillside* where they plan to expand. Scores of Palestinians *from a nearby Arab village demonstrated* and three were arrested.

Mr Rabin, *speaking at a Jewish school* constructed on land captured from Jordan in 1967, refused to contemplate a halt to all settlement activity, however. "I am not prepared for there to be a law in Israel to forbid building houses in existing settlements or a kindergarten or a cultural centre," he said.

The PLO has called a general strike *throughout* the occupied territories on January 15 to protest against the settle*ment building. A leading official* in the Israeli Housing Ministry has, however, disclosed government *plans to proceed* with the construction of 10,000 Jewish homes in east Jerusalem this year.

Mr Rabin, responding to a question from a 17-year-old pupil, ruled out the PLO's claim to east Jerusalem. "The supreme thing is a united Jerusalem as the capital of Israel under Israeli sovereignty," Mr Rabin said.

☐ **Marjayoun, Lebanon:** Israeli troops yesterday attacked Iranian-backed guerrillas, *thrusting north for the first time* in years from the border zone that they occupy in *southern Lebanon. The* advance followed overnight clashes that left four people wounded. *(AP)*

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Thousands of Chechens caught between forces in Grozny after ceasefire collapses

Desertions reveal scale of Russian bungling

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THE full extent of Russia's bungled military operation in Chechenia was exposed yesterday after it emerged that scores of demoralised Russian troops had deserted their positions and gone home.

In one of the most serious breaches of discipline in the history of the Russian armed forces, a company-strong unit of 100 Omon paramilitary Interior Ministry troops abandoned their positions after serving a month in the breakaway Caucasus republic.

"We were poorly armed, we did not have enough food or heat. We had to sleep in trenches, and finally, we were given no specific orders," said one officer who led the mass desertion. "Therefore, we said we were coming back home."

The men, from President Yeltsin's home town of Yekaterinburg, about 1,000 miles east of Moscow, said their morale collapsed after being ordered to extend their month's tour in a field about 15 miles from Grozny, the capital of Chechenia.

During that time, they were never given any specific orders and were so badly equipped they did not even have a map of their operations area. The conditions were so poor that on one occasion Russian soldiers killed "five dogs for lunch" because their soup was infected with worms.

The unit was ordered to engage a column of 14 Chechen tanks on New Year's Eve, but had to stand by helplessly because they had been issued only with five obsolete armoured vehicles, sub-machineguns, batons and teargas. Although the Interior Ministry, whose troops have spearheaded the operation, denied yesterday that their men had deserted, detailed reports of the mutiny appeared in three Moscow newspapers yesterday. The incident, which has come after scores of other reports of officers refusing to obey orders and criticising their superiors, will have serious repercussions for the Russian armed forces, which have emerged as a poorly led, badly trained and dangerously divided force. Although the Russians appear to be in a position to capture the Chechen capital, they have had to resort to overwhelming firepower and have destroyed a city of half a million people to carry out a mission that the military predicted would be short and relatively painless.

News of the desertions will only serve to aggravate the difficulties of General Pavel Grachev, the Russian Defence Minister, who commanded the first abortive assault on Grozny and who is being blamed by many Russians within and outside the Government for the military's poor performance.

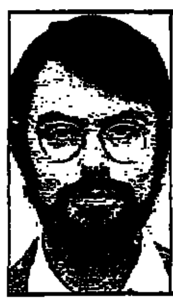
The Duma, the Russian lower house of parliament, is likely today to consider proposed legislation from the liberal Yabloko faction for a War Powers Act that would require the President to seek parliamentary approval before using the armed forces. Legislators are also likely to press for laws to force the military high command to reveal the real casualty figures.

Mothers of soldiers serving in Chechenia continued their protests in Moscow yesterday after reports that several thousand Russian troops may have died in the month-long conflict. The official death toll is 250.

□ **British concern:** Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday summoned Anatoli Adamishin, the Russian Ambassador, to express Britain's "deep concern" over civilian casualties in Grozny.

A Russian army officer, the commander of a paratroop unit captured by Chechen fighters, meets reporters in the centre of Grozny

Ruined city draws breath in briefest lull



Anatol Lieven reports from Grozny that, despite the continuing Russian artillery bombardment, the Chechen people still appear to have plenty of spirit left for the fight

A CEASEFIRE between Russian and Chechen forces proposed by the Kremlin broke down yesterday morning, almost before it had begun, amid heavy exchanges of fire in the centre of Grozny. However, the Russian bombardment of the rest of the Chechen capital was much lighter than in previous days.

Chechen fighters and officials rejected with scorn the Russian ultimatum that the ceasefire period, until tomorrow morning, should be used by the Chechens to surrender their arms. Aslan Maskhadov, the Chechen commander-in-chief, vowed to fight on. However, he was also continuing ceasefire negotiations with Russian commanders.

He said: "Russian armed forces have taken half the city. Russia is sending in reinforcements to annihilate our nation. But our forces have fought well and we are ready to fight to the death for our independence." From a block of flats 500 yards from the embattled Presidential Palace, we watched at noon yesterday as Russian mortar shells pounded the palace square. Many fires were burning in the area around the palace, where almost every building seems to have been wrecked.

Chechen vehicles making a perilous run to the palace across the nearby bridge over the Sunzha river were fired on by Russian snipers and machinegunners. One white car containing Chechen fighters revved up as if on a starting grid before tearing off at full speed.

At least three Chechen fighters were killed and ten wounded in the course of yesterday morning. Mauvladi Udugov, the Chechen Information Minister, said yesterday that since the Russian intervention began, about 200 Chechen fighters had been killed and between 300 and 400 wounded. Although a relatively low figure, it does not seem implausible. Members of one Chechen unit, made up of veterans of the conflict in Abkhazia, told us that they had suffered 12 dead since the invasion a month ago. General Dzhokhar Dudayev, the Chechen leader, is no longer in the palace, which has been reduced to a burnt-out shell. Chechen fighters are using its cellars as a bunker and first aid point.

General Dudayev, however, is still in Grozny. Apparently he has moved his headquarters to a small military base in the southern suburbs, where yesterday he met Sergei Kovalyov, the Russian Human Rights Commissioner. Mr Kovalyov, a strong opponent of the Russian military intervention, has been given an official brief by Moscow to help to negotiate a ceasefire, but his exact status is unclear.

He launched a blistering attack yesterday on the Russian ceasefire move, saying that it was not a genuine offer intended to allow the dead and wounded to be removed and negotiations to take place, but only a repeat of previous Kremlin ultimatums to the Chechens to lay down their arms.

The involvement of Mr Kovalyov, a former Soviet dissident, political prisoner and friend of the late Andrei Sakharov, has helped to destroy President Yeltsin's prestige among Russian democrats since the intervention began. Mr Kovalyov, 63, is clearly wearing himself out by his long stays under fire in Grozny and yesterday looked drawn and ill.

While some Chechen fighters used yesterday's lull to get some rest, civilians emerged from their cellars to look for food and water and to salvage possessions. In one triumph of hope over experience, a man on Avtorkhanov Prospekt, about two miles from the heart of the fighting, was fitting a new pane of glass into one of his shattered windows. Every other window in sight was broken.

Israelis fly Jewish refugees to safety

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL has rescued scores of Jews from Chechenia by air and overland routes, and only 12 families remain behind, Jewish Agency officials said yesterday. The families are in the capital, Grozny, but contact with them has been lost since the fighting erupted, according to Lisa Gann-Perkal, a spokeswoman for the agency.

About 100 Jewish refugees from Grozny are awaiting rescue in Nalchik, a city 190 miles to the east, and will be airlifted to Israel, she said. The agency, which is responsible for immigration to Israel, is organising a flight for two dozen Jews next week.

So far, 32 Chechen refugees have been flown to Israel, with more expected to arrive soon. Those who arrived in a well-publicised airlift two weeks ago said they fled on foot and travelled at night in sub-zero temperatures to avoid the fighting.

Unlike previous rescues of Jews in troublespots, including those from Syria and Albania, the operation has been done openly and with the help of local authorities.

Israeli officials said 250 Jews were in Grozny when the Russian offensive began last month. About half are believed to have fled to countries other than Israel.

Agency officials said 50 Jews who escaped Grozny over the past two weeks were forced to pay hundreds of dollars in bribes to get through roadblocks to Nalchik. The agency's teams are now in Nalchik, trying to locate refugees who have fled and arrange for their immigration to Israel.

Nearly all Chechen Jews lived in the capital, and the two mainly Jewish streets there have been levelled, Ms Gann-Perkal said. Chechen Jews, many of whom have intermarried with the predominantly Muslim population, numbered 1,500 in 1980 but all except about 250 have emigrated in the past decade.

Though many of the refugees are from mixed families, they are allowed to enter Israel under the Law of Return, which provides Israeli citizenship to anyone with a Jewish grandparent.

Civilians run gauntlet of bombs and gangs of looting renegades

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN GROZNY

THE thousands of civilians who remain in the battered city of Grozny are caught between two terrors: the Russian bombardment and armed Chechens who are exploiting the city's disintegration and the flight of much of its population to steal, loot, and occasionally kill.

Some of the looters appear to be from the Chechen forces, others are freelance bandits. There have been reports of at least two civilians killed by looters in recent days.

These criminals pose a special threat to the large population of ethnic Russians still trapped in the city. Wherever Chechen families are still living in blocks of flats, armed local men will stand guard to protect the area from looters. But purely Russian blocks have no such protection.

A weeping middle-aged Russian woman in the Minutka district said: "Now there are just three women — myself, my mother and daughter alone in the whole block. What shall we do, we won't even dare open our door any more."

At one end of Grozny's main street, to move in the open is death, unless you move very fast. Avtorkhanov Prospekt, formerly Lenin Prospekt, slopes gently down to the Sunzha river, and the area round the Presidential Palace, where Chechen and Russian troops are locked in close combat. But only 20 minutes walk up the road, children were playing in the rubble yesterday.

There are thousands of civilians, many of them ethnic Russians, still trapped in the city. Some cannot leave because they have no transport; others stay because they are afraid they would be beggars in Russia.

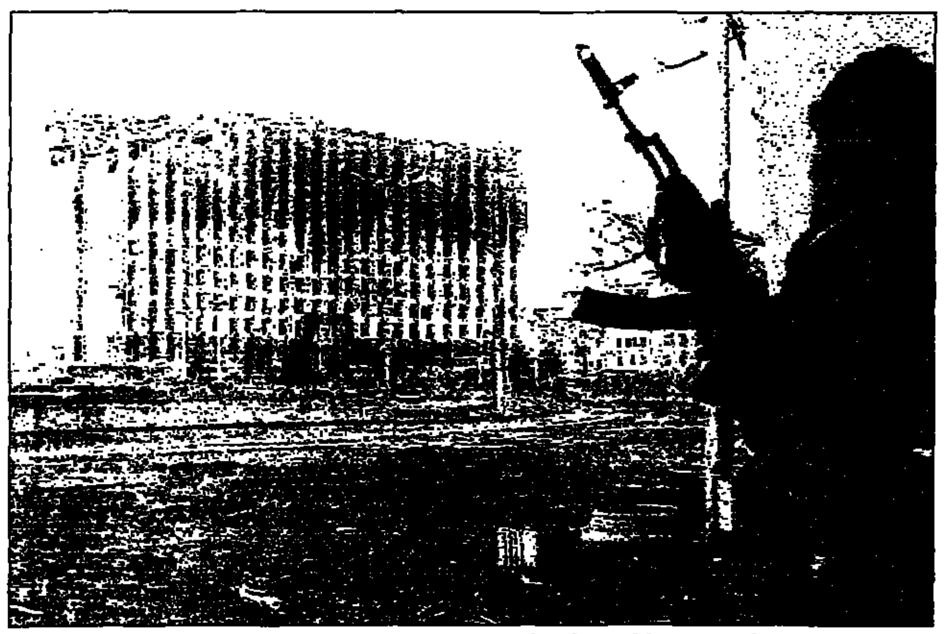
One woman said she had to stay with her paralysed husband. Another, Margarita, a music teacher, had come from St Petersburg to rescue her parents, now cut off by the Russian lines, and had become trapped herself.

Only four miles from the centre, people are still living a semblance of a normal life. Markets are still open along the roads. In the centre, any kind of normality has disappeared. At number 87, Pionerskaya Street, barely half a mile from the heart of the fighting, we found a group of civilians removing a bed from the ruins of a clinic. They took us to a nearby cellar where dozens of people were sitting in dark and stuffy cold, lit dimly by a few candles. Above them, their flats had been ruined by Russian shelling.

Some of the people in the cellar had lived there for three weeks. Others held out in their flats until the Russian Army got closer and the intensive shelling began.

"We go up to the open only to get water and go to the toilet," 16-year-old Tanya Astakhova said. "Despite the fear, it is wonderful to be in the open again. You can feel for yourself what the air down here is like."

In the Minutka district a Russian woman called Vera said she could not leave, whatever happened. "If we went to Russia, we would be beggars. If we ever got back here, we'd find that marauders had taken away every blanket and piece of furniture. What bombing leaves, they steal. I have worked for 45 years and this is my reward."



A Chechen fighter takes cover opposite the ruined Presidential Palace yesterday

New talks aim to bolster Bosnia peace effort

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

INTERNATIONAL peace negotiators are to hold meetings with all the warring sides in Bosnia, in an attempt to build on the ceasefire negotiated by Jimmy Carter, the former American president.

Contact Group officials from Britain, France, Germany, America and Russia, will travel to Belgrade today to see President Milosevic of Serbia, then go to Sarajevo tomorrow before moving on to Pale to meet Bosnian Serb leaders.

The negotiators are anxious to bolster the peace process in the hope of dissuading the new Republican-controlled American Congress from unilaterally lifting the arms embargo against the Muslim-led Bosnian Government — a move the Europeans have said would cause new fighting and lead to the withdrawal of their peacekeepers. The mission comes a day after Serbs in Croatia snubbed Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, the commander of UN troops in Bosnia, by refusing to meet him to discuss demands that they withdraw their forces from Bosnian territory. UN sources initially attributed the cancellation of General Rose's trip to "technical reasons".

Richard Holbrooke, the American Assistant Secretary of State, meanwhile met the Contact Group officials in Paris to plan their Balkan mission. Mr Holbrooke arrived after a fractious meeting in Sarajevo on Monday with Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian Prime Minister. Before leaving the Bosnian capital, Mr Holbrooke said the international peace plan should be viewed "as a starting point for negotiations" between the Bosnian Government and the Serbs.

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Hillary Clinton eats large slice of humble pie and lets the press eat cake

By Martin Fletcher

AMERICA was treated yesterday *to the latest and most startling of* the many images that Hillary Clinton has adopted over the past three years.

The First Lady, renowned for her unshakeable self-confidence and moral certitude, portrays herself *as humble, contrite and a little* bewildered. She confessed that on occasion she had been "naive and dumb", and she actually sought the advice of journalists on how she might be seen more sympathetically. Admittedly, these were not the hard-core political reporters she so despises. They were a *handpicked group of woman writers* on social affairs, whom she invited to the White House for a lunch of shrimp and tomato soup and curried chicken. She even produced a cake to mark the imminent retirement of one of the *reporters.*

Coincidentally or otherwise, the event took place just days after Newt Gingrich's mother had let slip that the new House Speaker considered the President's wife a bitch, a comment that has spawned a new cottage industry in badges proclaiming "she is".

Mrs Clinton confessed she was shocked at how she was portrayed in the media. "Sometimes I read stories or hear things about me and I go, 'Ugh! I wouldn't like her either'," she said. "It's so unlike what I think I am, or what my *friends* believe I am." She complained that she "didn't get this whole image-creation thing ... I have let other people define me."

Of her failed efforts to reform America's medical system, Mrs Clinton said: "I regret very much that the efforts on healthcare were badly misunderstood, taken out of context, and used politically against the Administration. I take responsibility for that, and I am very sorry for that."

Her plan, which smacked of big government, was an important factor in the Democratic Party's rout in the congressional elections last November.

Mrs Clinton said that not only she, but the Administration as a whole, had failed to communicate their message properly. Her husband, she added, had achieved much, but "it's pretty obvious this Administration has trouble getting its message out ... too many things were done at one time without benefit of a consistent and coherent explanation."

She admitted that she would have "done a lot of things differently" if she could start her time in the White House again. "There is no way in the world to figure out what it's like to live here. There is so much about it no one ever tells you. There are little things you never would have thought of. You have to start thinking about *Christmas* in April." Mr Clinton, in the meantime, launched his drive to rebuild his presidency with a trip yesterday to Illinois, in the American heartland, to tout his new "Middle-Class Bill of Rights", consisting primarily of *tax cuts.* Like so many of his Oval Office predecessors who have run into trouble, he now plans to spend more time away from Washington talking to "real people", and will visit the key electoral states of Ohio and *California* in *the* next few days. Mr Clinton is also close to announcing his appointment of Christopher Dodd, a Connecticut senator, to lead the national Democratic Party out of the doldrums before the presidential elections due next year.

Mr Dodd, who is both articulate and aggressive, would be the party's general chairman, but because he is a sitting senator another party stalwart, Don Fowler, of South Carolina, would be day-to-day chairman. David Wilhelm, the last chairman, left *after* the Democrats' defeat in November.

Gingrich sacks his chronicler over 'Nazi' statements

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

NEWT GINGRICH, the House *Speaker*, has been forced to dismiss the ardent political supporter he had just appointed as official House *historian because she once* criticised a school history course for not giving "the Nazi point of view".

A spokesman for Mr Gingrich said the Speaker had been unaware of Christina Jeffrey's past, but dismissed her from her new $85,000-a-year (£54,800) post within three hours of finding out. Professor Jeffrey called the charges against her "outrageous".

Professor Jeffrey's appointment had aroused opposition *even before her criticism of the* history course became known. She was an assistant professor at the Georgia university where Mr Gingrich once talked, had supported his conservative political agenda, and was to have replaced a respected House historian who Mr Gingrich had summarily dismissed after 12 *years'* service. As part of the deal Dr Jeffrey's husband, Robert, a political science professor, was to have been an unpaid "chronicler" of Mr Gingrich's term as Speaker, leading one commentator to suggest that "megalomania *has driven [Mr Gingrich] to* hire a Boswell before he has proved he is Dr Johnson".

Dr Jeffrey might have survived the outcry had someone not disinterred her 1986 criticism of a junior high school course on the Holocaust. She told the education department, for whom she was acting as a consultant, that the course "gives no evidence of balance or objectivity. The Nazi point of view, however unpopular, is still a point of *view and is not presented, nor* is that of the Ku Klux Klan."

She continued: "It is a paradoxical and strange aspect of *this* programme [that] the methods used to change the thinking of students is the same that Hitler and Goebbels used to propagandise the German people." The then-Deputy Assistant Education Secretary called her comments "appalling" and she was dismissed. Mr Gingrich has proved almost as accident-prone since his election as President Clinton did in the weeks after his 1992 election triumph. He has had to re*nounce a $4.5 million* book contract, drop his demand for the reintroduction of school prayer, and backpedalled on charges that the Clintons were "enemies of the people".

His appointment and dismissal of Dr Jeffrey echoed Mr Clinton's early nomination and subsequent abandonment of both Lani Guinier and Zoe Baird from the post of Attorney-General, but with one key difference. In this case, as with his other faux *pas. Mr Gingrich has acted* quickly and decisively to limit the damage whereas Mr Clinton lets his early controversies fester and grow. "Newt did the right thing quickly," said Barney Frank, a Democratic congressman.

It was altogether a bad 24 hours for Mr Gingrich. In addition to the historian row, he was obliged to back away from a controversial Republican plan to deny welfare benefits to legal immigrants *who are not full citizens, and* to delay for a week a vote on a constitutional amendment mandating a balanced federal budget. Mr Gingrich also launched another angry attack on the mainstream media, declaring he would boycott "nit-picking" Sunday television talk shows for a month.

Mr Gingrich remains America's pre-eminent politician, however. Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, is to *meet him on Tuesday to lobby* against lifting the UN arms embargo against Bosnia's Muslims.

Tomiichi Murayama, Japan's Prime Minister, yesterday arrived in Washington with his officials sounding more excited about his meeting with Mr Gingrich than his date with the President.

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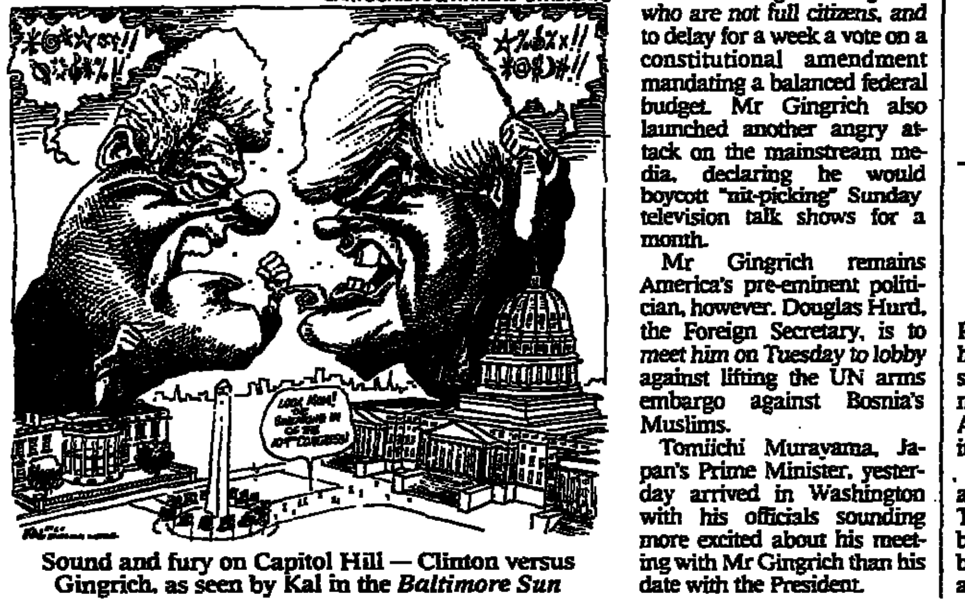

Sound and fury on Capitol Hill — Clinton versus Gingrich, as seen by Kal in the *Baltimore Sun*

Firemen of a search and rescue team evacuating a family to safety in Monte Rio, California. Days of heavy rain have brought northern California's worst flooding in more than a decade (Giles Whittell writes). Many of the state's most famous vineyards have been inundated, and entire towns along one river valley have *been submerged, bringing warnings* of "a full-blown natural disaster".

Northern California hit by worst floods in a decade

Pete Wilson, the state Governor, has declared a state of emergency in three counties north of San Francisco, allowing the National Guard to use military lorries and helicoptors to rescue hundreds of stranded homeowners before two new storms brew*ing off the Pacific coast hit the* already sodden region. The Los Angeles area has also been drenched by a week of almost continuous rain, bringing mudslides to areas denuded by 1993's wildfires and putting nearby mountains in imminent danger of avalanches. Richard Riordan, the city's Mayor, declared a local state of *emergency before new rains on* Monday night forced the deployment of mechanical diggers to clear Malibu's steep river beds as flash floods threatened to sweep away homes on their banks. Two deaths have so far been attributed to the seven-day deluge. Both deaths were the result of trees falling on to lorry cabs. High winds and loosened soil have also felled giant redwood trees in protected groves in Sonoma and Humboldt counties.

Thousands of people have been driven from their homes along the *Russian river, 60 miles north of San* Francisco, taking refuge in 14 emergency Red Cross shelters. In Guerneville, a gay holiday resort, the river was nearly 50ft above normal levels yesterday.

Reagan's health fading, says author

By James Bone

RONALD REAGAN'S health *has deteriorated dramatically* since he announced two months ago that he had Alzheimer's disease, according to his biographer.

Edmund Morris, who won a Pulitzer Prize for his life of Theodore Roosevelt and has been working on his Reagan biography since 1985, said in an article in *The New Yorker*: "Mr Reagan's decline has *been precipitous. About six* months ago, he stopped recognising me. Now I no longer recognise him."

Mr Reagan, 83, wrote an open letter on November 5 disclosing that he had been diagnosed as suffering from the memory-destroying Alzheimer's disease. He was last seen in public on November 22, when he and his wife, Nancy, *posed in front of a* Christmas exhibit at the Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California.

Mr Morris, describing a recent visit to Mr Reagan's office in Los Angeles, said that the former president was "as courtly, soft-spoken and elegant as ever". But he described him as "distracted" and "strange" and said: "I noticed *something unimaginable be*fore: a patch of silvery stubble on his chin ... for all the willingness with which he showed me his framed photographs, his jelly-bean jar, and his view of the Hollywood hills, I did not feel his presence beside me, only his absence."

Mr Reagan's family did not comment on the report.

Writer sued over 'stolen' princess story

From James Bone in New York

A *LONDON* resident has filed a suit here against a bestselling author for allegedly stealing her life story.

Friederike Adsani, an Austrian who married a member of one of Kuwait's leading families, is seeking hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages for plagiarism from Jean Sasson, an American author of two popular books about the tormented marriage of a Saudi princess.

Mrs Adsani claims that Ms Sasson's books — *Princess: A True Story of Life Behind the Veil* and its sequel, *Princess: Sultana's Daughters* — were based on her own unpublished autobiography, *Cinderella in Arabia*, which was *handled by the same agent.* "I am seeking justice." Mrs Adsani, who has lived in London for 13 years, said yesterday through her lawyer.

Mrs Adsani alleges that Ms Sasson obtained her manuscript from Peter Miller, the New York literary agent they shared, four years before the first *Princess* book was published, an assertion that Mr Miller vigorously denies. *Princess: A True Story* went on to sell 70,000 copies in hard cover, spending 13 weeks on *The New York Times* bestseller list.

Ms Sasson's books purport to be the true life story of a Saudi princess who she says she met at a party in Riyadh.

González fails to wash his hands of dirty war

From Edward Owen in Madrid

SPAIN'S opposition parties yesterday dismissed as unconvincing and ineffectual denials by Felipe González, the Prime Minister, of official involvement in a "dirty war" against Basque separatist guerrillas in the 1980s.

The centre-right Popular Party (PP) demanded that Señor González call general elections *by* May at the latest to end what has become the most serious and far-reaching political crisis in Spain's 12 *years of Socialist rule.*

Charges of government involvement in the activities of the Anti-terrorist Liberation Group (GAL), which killed 27 alleged Basque separatists from 1983 to 1987 in southwest France, have seriously shaken Señor González's minority Government and sent financial *markets* into a nosedive.

Señor González failed to restore his credibility in a television interview on Monday night. The newspaper *El País*, which normally supports the Socialists, described the grilling of the party leader at the hands of a skilled interviewer as "perhaps the most dramatic half hour during his 12 years as premier".

Señor González has been thrown on to the defensive by the continued revelations of two former police officers, the only two Spaniards convicted for their role in organising GAL. The allegations made by *José Amedo and Miguel* Domínguez to Baltasar Garzón, an investigating judge, forced him to reopen the GAL case file.

Four former top Interior Ministry officials have now been remanded in custody. The former Bilbao police officers, who have also sold their story to the anti-Government *El Mundo*, say the Government organised GAL.

"Neither did I tolerate [GAL], nor did I consent to it and certainly did not organise it," Señor González claimed in the interview. "I am a career democrat, convinced that only democratic instruments can be used in the fight against crime."

A survey conducted by *El Mundo* showed that 64.3 per cent of Spaniards believe the *Government was implicated* in GAL's activities. The detailed evidence presented by Señor Amedo and Señor *Domínguez* is overwhelming. It includes the numbers of Swiss bank accounts into which their wives deposited £500,000 each, given to them by Interior Ministry officials.

José María Aznar, the PP leader, is demanding an early general election. But Señor González says that he will stay put as long as his minority Government is supported by the Catalan nationalists. Jordi Pujol, the Catalan leader, yes*terday pledged his continued* support.

Señor González's crisis is of his own making. During 12 *years in power he has seldom* appeared in the Cortes, prefering to play the statesman jetting between Europe and Latin America. His biggest mistake was to completely lose control of the Interior Ministry with its billion-pound slush funds to combat Basque separatists and organised crime.

A *ministry source* says corruption set in when GAL was established. After that senior police officers took huge bribes from suppliers to the multi-million pound state security operation for the Olympic Games *and* the *Expo* world fair in 1992.

Last April Luis Roldán, 51, who for eight years was head of the Civil Guard, disappeared with about £8 million. He said it was common practice to inflate the salaries of top officials, responsible for the fight against crime, with cheques made out on the slush *fund account.*

Belatedly Señor González appointed Juan Alberto Belloch, a highly respected judge, as Minister of both Justice and the Interior. Señor Belloch has removed many top policemen and civil guards as one his ministries investigates the other.

González facing his television grilling

Harare doctor guilty

Harare: A white anaesthetist at the centre of a race uproar over accusations that he experimented on blacks was yesterday found guilty of killing two patients. Richard Gladwell McGown, 58, caused the deaths of two patients by injecting them with high doses of morphine and through negligent post-operative care. *He was acquitted on three* other counts of culpable homicide. Dr McGown, who trained in Scotland, will be sentenced today. *(Reuter)*

Burial plan

Stockholm: Relatives of those who died when the ferry *Estonia* sank in the Baltic Sea last September plan to raise money to bring to the surface for burial the estimated 800 bodies still on board. *(AP)*

Killed by cold

Delhi: At least 62 people have died during a four-week cold spell in northern India. The Press Trust of India said conditions included biting winds, snowstorms and avalanches. *(AFP)*

Lovers' suicide

Paris: Two lovers, a girl of 13 and a man of 24, committed suicide by lying in the path of *the Orient Express in eastern* France because their parents disapproved of their relationship. *(Reuter)*

Second quake

Peking: Another earthquake, measuring 6.2 on the Richter scale, struck coastal regions of southern China where a quake injured 402 people on December 31. No casualties were reported. *(Reuter)*

Red Prince dies

Hanoi: Prince Souphanouvong, the former President of Laos, who was nicknamed "The Red Prince", has died of a heart attack at his home after a long illness. He was 86. *(AFP)*

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String ensemble

Paris: About 60 violins, some hundreds of years old and worth thousands of pounds, *have been reunited* with their owners after a four-day show of stolen instruments. *(Reuter)*

Swedish budget cuts strike at heart of the welfare state

From Nicholas George in Stockholm

SWEDEN yesterday announced huge cuts in most areas of government spending, marking an end to the expansion of the welfare state that has characterised post-war politics.

The savings in child and *unemployment benefits*, pensions and housing allowances go to the heart of a system of state provision that has been developed by successive Social Democratic governments.

However, the social net, which pays the unemployed 80 per cent of their previous income and offers 12 months' paternity leave on between 80 and 90 per cent of *salary*, has become too expensive to maintain in the country's worst recession *since the 1930s.*

In 1994 the Government's budget deficit reached 13 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP), and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) issued a warning that total public debt would reach 123 per cent of GDP by 2000.

Delivering his first budget, which he acknowledged was tough, Goran Persson, the Social Democratic Finance Minister, said: "We cannot pull ourselves out of the economic morass without it being felt by every private household."

Welfare cuts will be backed up by reductions in spending on defence, transport, foreign aid and the royal household, and charges for health services and medicines will rise. *The Government has already* brought in a tranche of spending cuts and tax increases and Mr Persson claims the combined effect will be to strengthen state finances by £10 billion by 1998. He said further cuts may be necessary.

Although the Social Democrats were elected last September after promising a tough austerity package, the scale of yesterday's budget has upset some traditional trade union and party supporters. Union members say there are insufficient measures to deal with unemployment, which ac*counts for 13 per cent of the* potential workforce.

Other critics said the package would damage the country's delicate economic recovery and the minority Government may struggle to get its full budget proposals through parliament. The Left Party, its traditional ally, has said it will oppose cuts in child *benefit and overseas aid.*

Social Democratic leaders believe, however, that they can push the budget through with some horse-trading, and that they will be able to rely on the export-led recovery now under way *to avoid further cuts.*

The financial markets remain sceptical of Sweden's policies. Last week Moody's, *the international credit rating* agency, downgraded Sweden's sovereign debt rating, which pushed Swedish interest rates up and increased the cost of servicing the state debt.

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Cyprus asks Britain to lobby Turks

PRESIDENT CLERIDES of Cyprus yesterday urged John *Major* to put greater pressure on Turkey to use its influence to break the deadlock on the divided island (Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor, writes).

During a brief visit to *Britain, Mr Clerides said that* face-to-face talks with Rauf Denktas, the Turkish Cypriot leader, had reached a dead end. He called instead for renewed talks through the office of the United Nations Secretary-General.

Mr Clerides wants Britain and the United States, which recently appointed a presidential adviser on Cyprus, to warn Turkey that Greece would continue to veto closer Turkish relations with the European Union if there were no progress on Cyprus.

He also discussed with Mr *Major and later at a lunch* with Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, the Cypriot application for membership of the European Union. Both made it clear to the Cypriot leader that talks on any application could not begin until after the 1996 intergovernmental conference.

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David Butler explains why he is leaving the Oxford and Cambridge Club

SALLY SOAMES

David Butler, resigning after 43 years because it is "too embarrassing for this non-militant male to remain a member"

An open letter to the chairman of the United Oxford and Cambridge Universities Club.
71 Pall Mall,
London SW1.

Dear Chairman,

I am, most regretfully, sending you my resignation after 43 years' membership of the club. One does not lightly give up association with so comfortable and civilised an institution. But the action — or the inaction — of the club committee has made it impossible for a self-respecting Oxford don to remain involved with a body that remains so flagrantly impervious to the will of its members or to the norms of contemporary British society.

The club's origins in 1817 were as a gathering place for matriculated members of the two old universities (my great-grandfather, George Butler, was one of the founders). All members of the universities were then male. Today more than 40 per cent of matriculating undergraduates are female, and every Oxford and Cambridge college admits women.

Members of the club, myself included, were slow to recognise this fact. But when, a few years ago, we began to argue that an Oxford and Cambridge Club should treat all members of the university equally, a group of members, with the aid of well-organised proxies, pushed through a resolution that any change in the club's rules should have the explicit support of a majority of the club's total membership, and that five years must elapse before any proposal was brought up for a second time.

Some of us pointed out that, in a postal vote of a far-flung community, a 50 per cent turnout was almost inconceivable. We were unduly pessimistic. When the issue of admitting women on equal terms with men came to a vote, 62 per cent of ballots were returned. The vote divided 76 per cent to 24 per cent in favour of change. But, as proportions of the total membership, 49 per cent favoured having women as full members to 14 per cent against. Out of 3,000 and more members (the 500 lady associates pay only a quarter of the men's subscription and, of course, have no vote), the result was only 70 votes short of the high hurdle that had been set.

That vote was announced in September 1993. One might have thought that, faced with so clear an expression of opinion, the club committee would have shown some immediate understanding. But nothing had happened by June 1994 when the club had its annual meeting. Worse, despite pressure then, nothing had happened by the end of the year. There is nothing unconstitutional in the committee's inaction — only a remarkable lack of political comprehension or generosity.

The modest proposal that lady guests and lady associate members might be allowed to walk up our grand staircase and also to enter the library has lain firmly on the table.

A private club is immune from the provisions of the Sex Discrimination Act. But a club composed entirely of people from two such ancient and humane institutions as Oxford and Cambridge is surely in a special position. The club uses the universities' names and their emblems. As Lord Jenkins, Oxford's Chancellor, has pointed out, the Oxford University Press would have a very different aura if it was merely called the Jericho Press in honour of its little *quartier* of the city.

Some Oxbridge college heads have already left the club in quiet protest at its behaviour. Others are seriously considering a collective and public resignation.

Some friends have said that I should stay on to refight the issue when it becomes constitutionally possible three years hence. But that is a long time to wait and to tolerate a regime that in 16 months has made no reaction to so overwhelming an expression of the members' sentiments.

Indeed, the modest compromise that the committee could speedily have made — allowing to ladies somewhat greater access to the facilities — would hardly meet the central grievance. An eminent professor from Princeton (which went mixed after Oxbridge) finds that she cannot exercise full reciprocal membership. An Oxford head of house (not my wife) feels forced to resign her associate membership on being denied access to the library and the main stairs. A non-militant Cambridge professor explains that she cannot accept a lunch invitation to so sexist an institution. It becomes too embarrassing for this non-militant male to remain a member.

It is all so silly. Almost 40 years ago I became the first person to be dean of a mixed college in Oxford or Cambridge. Today my wife is the first woman to be head of a formerly all-male college. The problems associated with going mixed are negligible. The advantages are great. In 1995 it no longer seems civilised to remain a member of an institution in which the responsible general committee seems determined to retain every existing barrier to the equal treatment of women.

Yours sincerely,
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The quiet man trapped in a royal scandal

Even a pawn has his honour

MARGOT NORMAN

Time to take stock of the latest move in the agonising and apparently interminably royal chess game that has been monopolising this country's attention for the past ten years at least. Observing the dignity with which Brigadier Parker Bowles yesterday quit the board, I resolved never again to use the word "pawn" as a term of disparagement.

On the face of it, Andrew Parker Bowles was brought up to be nobody's pawn. On the contrary, he was trained to be a leader of men and displayed, according to those who served under him in Londonderry during the worst of the Troubles, all the desirable soldierly virtues. That these include unflinching devotion to Queen and country goes without saying. But who could have guessed, when he took his place as a pageboy at the Queen's coronation, what appalling trials would later be devised for him?

Being the husband of a royal mistress must have been humiliating enough in the past, but did any of them ever have to suffer any calamity so excruciating as publication of the "Camillagate" tapes? Did they have to grit their teeth and protest their loyalty to the man who had cuckolded them while watching him regale the multitude, both on television and in pages of earnest and self-justifying prose, with a blow-by-blow history of the affair?

No, they didn't. Camilla Parker Bowles's great-grandfather, Mr Keppel, is a man of whom I know nothing, but I'm pretty sure he was able to step out of his house in the mornings without having men with microphones leap out of the bushes to inquire how he felt about his wife's affair with the future Edward VII.

So how does a traditional sort of fellow cope with these modern tribulations? Why, in a traditional sort of way, if he knows what's good for him. He follows the old rules and keeps his back straight and his mouth buttoned. (Brigadier Parker Bowles's back, incidentally, has the benefit of a bit of extra stiffening by a pair of metal rods inserted after a fall while riding in a race at Ascot).

His wife, a similarly traditional sort of fellow, follows suit and earns respect by becoming, as a reader pointed out in a letter yesterday, one of a pathetically small group of confidants (among whom the Queen's former Private Secretary, Lord Charteris, can no longer be numbered) to whom royalty can unburden without having to worry about the confidence being carried steaming to the press. Such stoical discretion has enabled the brigadier to lead a humiliated but at least reasonably independent and not at all monastic life in London, while maintaining a united family front in Wiltshire, and ultimately to manage what looks — if such a thing is not a contradiction in terms — like an exemplary divorce. Hardly an occasion for rejoicing, but at least not a bloody mess like the rest of that on-going chess game.

The Prince and Princess of Wales were both brought up in the same tradition but — being both, in their different ways, devoted to the notion that the best way to preserve the monarchy is to modernise it — they have contrived to produce a succession of almost comically disastrous revisions to the rules for coping with this situation.

By going to Australia for Christmas and the New Year I managed to escape the cold, but not that infernal board game; they are playing it their own way down there, as they inch towards becoming a republic. At this stage, even the republicans openly say how sorry they are for the monarchists: the monarchists themselves are in despair as they watch the Waleses losing the game for them. I lost count of the number of traditionally-inclined folk who told me they had recently become republicans by default "because of the way your [note the distancing pronoun] damned Royal Family have forgotten what's expected of them".

The other sort of Australian republican, the committed sort, will tell you that what's wrong with Britain is that it is doomed to live in while the monarchy persists. "Look at you all," they say, "dredging about in your history for precedents all the time instead of looking ahead."

In respect of precedent, at any rate, they have a point. Edward VII was a tremendously popular king and a tremendously unfaithful husband, while poor old Charles I was faithful and serious, yet lost his head. Nell Gwyn appears to have been a cross between Barbara Windsor and the Duchess of York, and yet everybody loved her, while Camilla Parker Bowles must now be accounted the most suitable consort for the Prince of Wales, but 71 per cent of *Sun* readers say they would be scandalised if he married her. But then, a resounding 84 per cent of them were saying yesterday that Prince Charles should not become king at all, which leaves us all staring at a very foggy future indeed.

The Parker Bowles's marriage may prove not to be the only victim of this unhappy game.

Throw restraint to the wind, and don the white stilettos. Vulgarity is in

Brassiness enters a golden age

ALICE THOMSON

BEING vulgar is considered a sin — at least by Lord Charteris, who was not exactly complimenting the Duchess of York when he called her a vulgarian. "She is vulgar, vulgar, vulgar and that is that," the Queen's former private secretary told *The Spectator* last week. Polonius felt the same way 400 years earlier when he told his son in *Hamlet*: "Be thou familiar but by no means vulgar."

The definition of a vulgarian varies. Inferior, inelegant, graceless, plebeian, cheap, crude, tasteless, irreverent, brassy, grasping, foul-mouthed, slobby, ignorant, rude, uncouth and excessive have all been used.

Which means Lord Charteris has probably got it right in one sense over Fergie. She came to fame throwing bread rolls and refined her vulgarity prodding racegoers in the rear with an umbrella and bellowing in *It's A Royal Knockout*.

But, instead of feigning indifference when cornered on the ski slopes last week about the insult, Fergie should have taken his words as a compliment. Only later, when Lord Charteris tried to make amends by calling her "a nice, sweet girl", should she have taken offence.

Vulgarians are born, not bred. You either are one or you aren't, and those who are lucky enough to be born vulgarians should use it because being vulgar is in.

The word derives from the Latin "vulgus", meaning the common people. But being vulgar is not necessarily a matter of class, as the Romans knew. Seneca, the Emperor Nero's writer-in-residence, got it right when he said: "You can find the vulgar in all ranks of society and they are not always distinguished by the dress they wear."

Vulgar people have more fun — as Elizabeth Hurley could tell you — and those who are restrained don't. That black safety pin of a dress by Versace that Miss Hurley wore may have been vulgar, but it relaunched her career in a way that no mushroom-coloured trouser suit by Armani could have.

Most people would prefer to have a lavish dinner with a slobbering Henry VIII than join his po-faced daughter Queen Mary for a hen night. Falstaff had a better time than Hamlet.

Joanna Lumley only became obscenely famous and got her OBE when she behaved really, really grossly as Patsy in *Absolutely Fabulous*, discovering crotchless knickers, Bollinger and blood-red talons.

It may be vulgar to marry five times, but it is probably a lot more entertaining to be Elizabeth Taylor than the Princess of Wales eating Christmas lunch on her own. The vulgar never lie back on their own and think of England: they get on with it. Preferably in their Jacuzzi.

It is the same in politics and business at the moment. William Waldegrave, the Agriculture Minister, may have made it into All Souls and the Cabinet, but he always looks miserable, whereas Edwina Currie, a vulgarian, looks as though she is having a far better time writing about the sexual antics of her fellow MPs. Lord Archer is less fragrant and less couth than his wife, but he smiles more.

MARK Thatcher, worried that he might not be vulgar enough on his own, married a Texan heiress. All Americans, except those who came over on the *Mayflower* and the designer Ralph Lauren, revel in being vulgar, taking stretch limos and munching double-choc chip brownies in the back. They aren't afraid of letting the world know that they are having a good time.

Hello! magazine, *Blind Date*, the National Lottery and *Absolutely Fabulous* are all temples to vulgarity. Fantastically successful, they need to be accompanied by a Babycham with a cherry and paper umbrella to be best appreciated. Blackpool now has more visitors than the whole of Portugal by being brash and brassy. The list is endless.

Being vulgar is definitely in. Being a prim prude is not. The fashion world stopped being vulgar at the beginning of the 1990s and it was a disaster. Worthy grunge took over. Greasy hair and dirty nails were boring. Now, glamour — as the fashion world prefers to call its new vulgar excesses — is back, and designers can have more fun. Red lipstick, cleavages, peroxided big hair, shoulder-pads and leopard-skin prints are everywhere.

The designers Vivienne Westwood and Gianni Versace have always understood excessive tackiness and realised that, taken to extremes, vulgar becomes kitsch which becomes deeply hip.

"Being vulgar is great and is very cool now," says Lisa Armstrong, the associate editor of *Vogue* magazine. "It must be done with knowingness and a strong sense of humour and irony. There is nothing better than wearing sequins at 10am and dying one's hair red. Everyone is going glitzy in the clubs."

Ms Armstrong advises potential vulgarians to go all out to achieve the best effect, although she says that it does take guts. "The comedienne Sandra Bernhard can be wonderfully vulgar in skin-tight PVC trousers, purple boas and vast red lips, but it just makes her look more amazing. A lot of well-brought-up girls can look great in really tarty outfits with safety pins through their noses. Everyone knows it's just a joke except perhaps their grandmothers," she says. "It is much better to be vulgar than nice."

JOHN Mortimer sums it up. "Anything without a hint of vulgarity isn't very interesting. A lot of good writers and most good comics are vulgar. Many good politicians, such as Dennis Skinner, are vulgar. All vulgarity means is being in tune with popular tastes. So if you have no vulgarity you are probably out of touch. Chaucer was vulgar, as was Byron and Winston Churchill. I have a strong streak of vulgarity and I am glad."

In fact, Fergie should have told Lord Charteris that the vulgarless aren't worth knowing, and that from now on she will go a little further. Wear that Vivienne Westwood corset with those fishnets, collect those miniature porcelain characters from the Sunday magazines, drive a tangerine Ferrari and drop any pretence to sophistication.

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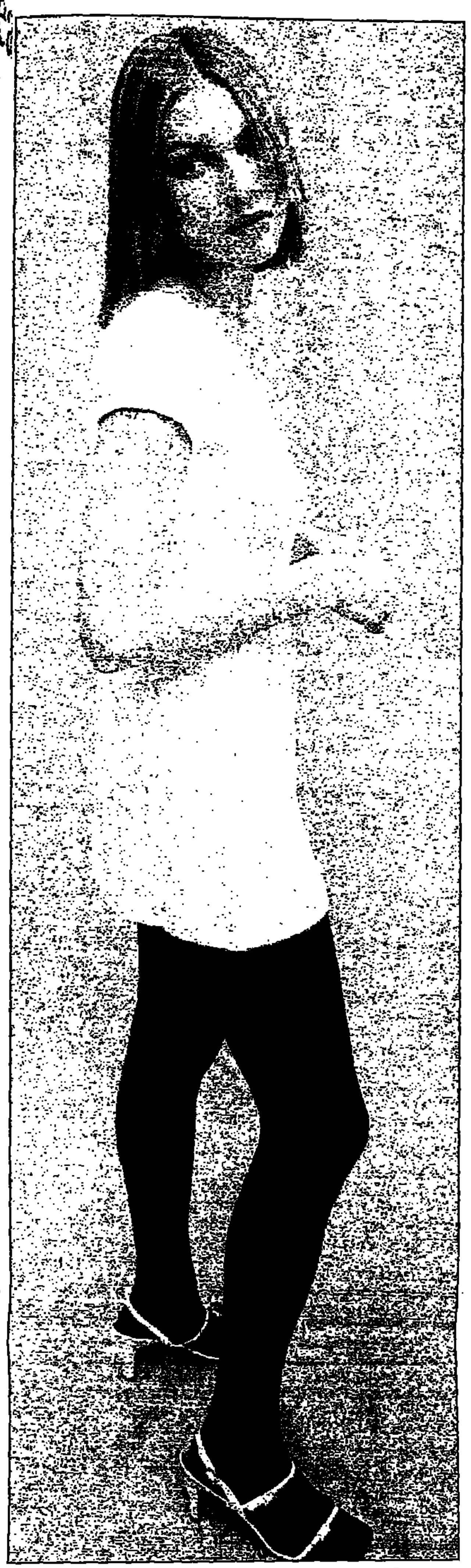
Away from the spotlight, shapely and sleek styles are emphasising the feminine 'feel-good' factor



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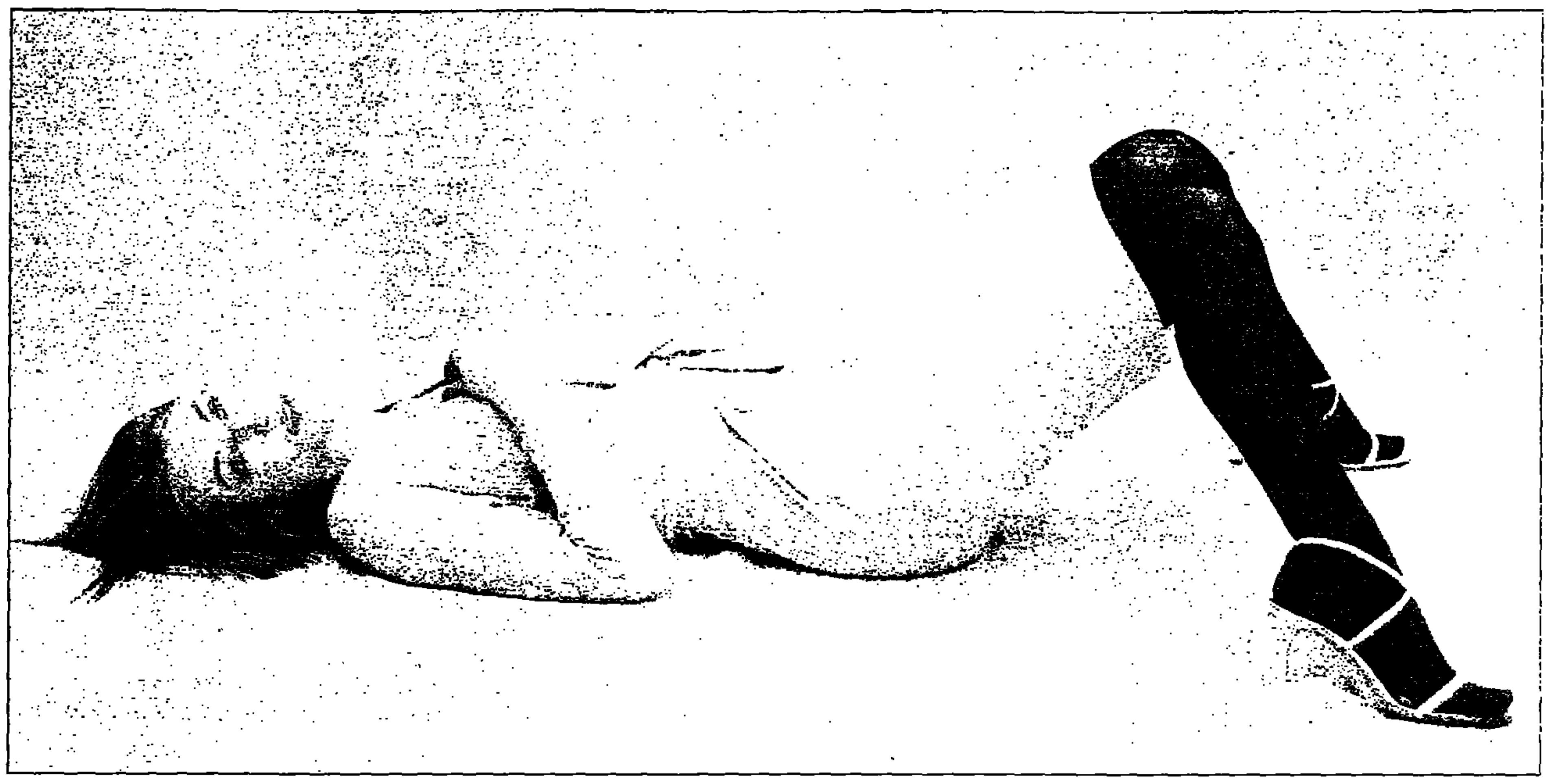


Softly, softly, seduction

Fashion

IAIN R. WEBB

WITH the headlines full of hard-edged glamour, one might be forgiven for thinking that at this moment fashion has little else to offer. However, far removed from the glare of the camera's flash, a softer, seductive statement is turning heads.

Knitwear is no longer seen as fuddy-duddy. Forget Grandma's Christmas gifts, this season the catwalks are full of tempting two-ply triumphs. The latest look is shapely and sleek, pale and creamy, echoing fashion's refocused vision of femininity.

Nothing is more attractive than cashmere, and though pricey, it is probably the best investment anyone can make.

The designer Shayesteh Nazemi specialises in cashmere and is one of the people responsible for giving knitwear a fashion accent. Her designs, for Shi Cashmere, are seasonless, but this season favourites include knee-length wrap dresses and tunic-style mini-dresses.

Balantyne, N. Peal, Pringle, and Johnstons of Elgin are famous for their cashmere, and have all added more fashion-aware styling to their recent collections.

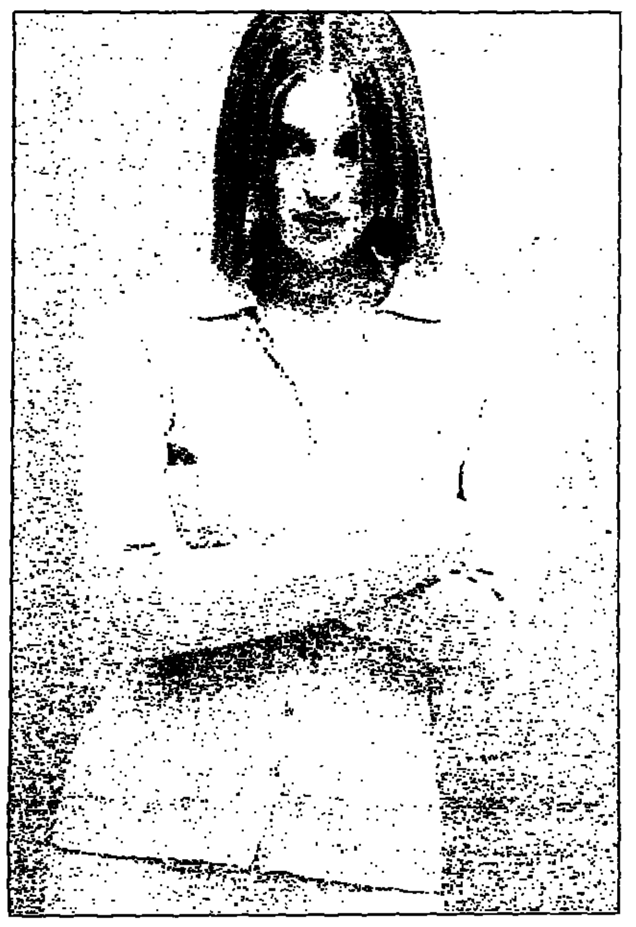
Cashmere may be everyone's first choice, but this season there are plenty of irresistible and less expensive, options — mohair, angora and alpaca. Lambswool, or cashmere-wool mixes, are equally strong.

Another designer who has been at the forefront of the knitwear revolution is Joseph. Over the years, he has developed his Tricot range, and he unveiled his latest collection last October. Again, knitted wrap dresses were popular, as were little knitted halterneck, and slip dresses in fine, gauzy yarns. Joseph also showed knitted separates — polo shirts and clingy skirts.

This spring, the high street is full of fabulous new-look knit separates. Button-through tops, twinsets and cropped sweaters in neutral creamy tones and pastel shades can be found at Top Shop, Jigsaw, French Connection and Oasis.

These new knitted separates are all part of the less aggressive "secretary smart" look, for which a clean line and spare silhouette are all-important. Accessorised with opaque-black tights and high, strappy heels, even the tiniest knitted T-shirt dress assumes an air of simple elegance.

Whatever politicians may promise, it is fashion that is providing the "feel-good" factor — right here and now.



ABOVE: beige tie front dress, £695, Shi Cashmere, 30 Lowndes Street, SW1 (inquiries 071-235 3829); tights, as far left, cream suede strappy shoes, £115 Russell & Bromley, as before

LEFT: pale beige lambswool cardigan, £83, pale beige cashmere skirt, £162, Pringle, 93 New Bond Street, W1 (inquiries 0450 360259)

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HOTLINE

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- THE occasional forays into the world of wedding dresses by Jasper Conran have been very successful. His most recent creation was for Lady Sarah Chatto (née Armstrong-Jones), well known for her sense of understated style. Now those less able to afford a Conran one-off can choose a style from his new collection of wedding dresses. The first unveiling will be at *You and Your Wedding Live '95!* on Saturday when the Conran gowns will be paraded on the catwalk alongside dresses by Tomaz Starzewski, Caroline Charles, Elizabeth Emanuel and Dolce & Gabbana. The range, which starts at £600, is also available from Liberty, Regent Street, W1, and Caroline Castigliano, 54 Chiltern Street, W1, and 136 High Street, Esher, Surrey. For tickets to the show, at Westminster Central Hall, phone 071-437 0796.

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Divorce that may rock the monarchy

The Prince of Wales faces an agonising, impossible quandary

William Rees-Mogg

On November 25, 1936, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Neville Chamberlain, made an entry in his diary. "I learned ... that the K had now swung round and had taken up the position that he would contract a morganatic marriage to be legalised by act of parliament ... It was agreed [at a meeting of ministers] that we must act cautiously, and find out attitude of Opposition and of Dominions before committing ourselves ... I have no doubt that if it were possible to arrange the morganatic marriage, this would only be the prelude to the further step of making Mrs S Queen with full rights."

Nearly 60 years later, the announcement of Camilla and Andrew Parker Bowles's decision to end their marriage is again raising the question whether a particular divorced woman might become Queen of England, and the question of the intentions of the Prince. It seems to be generally assumed, as by Lord Charteris, that the Prince of Wales intends shortly to obtain a divorce himself. Camilla Parker Bowles will now be divorced before he is. She is regarded, again by Lord Charteris, as "the love of his life". If both of them were in private life, nothing would be more natural than for them to be married after the second divorce had come through. Yet a royal marriage is an act of state; it involves the Government, the Opposition, the Commonwealth, the Church of England and public opinion; it involves the Queen.

As with his great uncle, the Prince's intentions are themselves impossible for outsiders to know. Perhaps he does not know himself. He could decide to remain married to the Princess of Wales, though the momentum of events seems to be making that impossible.

The Prince could resume seeing Mrs Parker Bowles, but leave it at that, and eventually ascend the throne as an unmarried king, though with a special friendship. He could decide to marry and retire into private life, as did King Edward VIII. He could marry, damn the torpedoes, and seek to make Mrs Parker Bowles his queen. Human nature being what it is, he could eventually marry somebody quite different, whom he may not even yet have met. The question which will not easily go away, now that the Parker Bowleses have announced their intention to divorce, is whether Prince Charles will divorce the Princess of Wales, marry Camilla, and make her queen — the intention Neville Chamberlain suspected in 1936.

Such a decision would put the Queen herself in a difficult position. The Royal Marriage Act of 1772 could not be applied satisfactorily in practice. That Act would purport to invalidate any proposed marriage that the Prince of Wales might make without the Queen's consent, but it is not conceivable that the Queen would take her son to court or seek an injunction to restrain him. Nor, if she did so, would she succeed. The Act covers all the descendants of King George II, but exempts "the issue of princesses who have married, or may hereafter marry into foreign families". The Duke of Edinburgh is descended from such a Princess, while Queen Victoria was herself such a Princess. Prince Charles is therefore exempt from the Royal Marriage Act by at least two of his lines of descent. Yet he could hardly make a controversial marriage without his Sovereign's consent.

The greatest difficulty would lie in public opinion, not only in Britain but in those Commonwealth countries which have remained monarchies. Certainly the idea of a morganatic marriage can be discarded, now as in 1936. It would have to be approved by too many parliaments, and could not be expected to carry in a single one of them. Some Commonwealth countries are on the verge of becoming republics; that may happen in any case, but a controversial marriage would be a gift to the republicans of the Commonwealth.

In Britain, we can see that there is a paradox in this. Almost all the republican opinion in this country is found among liberal-minded people, the sort of people who believe that the monarchy is an obsolete relic of a feudal age. These are also the people who are most tolerant of divorce; some of them think that marriage is also an obsolete relic of a feudal age. The people who would find Camilla Parker Bowles least acceptable as queen are those who are most monarchist. With them she is unpopular not for herself but because she is seen as a threat to their values.

Camilla Parker Bowles's divorce is therefore an embarrassment to the Prince of Wales; indeed it might have been preferable to have postponed it at least until after his own divorce, if that is to occur. The Prince is in a position in which he faces a question he cannot answer, yet it is one that everyone will ask, and will go on asking. He can hardly say that he will never remarry, or will never marry Camilla. He can hardly say that he hopes eventually to marry her, with all the constitutional difficulties that would arise.

In 1936, there were not only the intentions of the King to be considered, but also those of Mrs Simpson. At the last minute she did indeed foresee the false situation she was letting herself in for, and the alienated life that lay ahead. She tried to draw back, but it was too late. No doubt Mrs Parker Bowles is feeling her own anguish. This drama may decide the future of the monarchy, but there is also in it almost infinite pain, for the couples, for their children and for those of their parents who are still alive. As a machine for torturing the innocent as well as the guilty, the rack had nothing on the divorce courts.

" We have grown apart and there is little of common interest between us.... we have therefore decided to seek divorce.... "

An unnecessary rout

The Tories have introduced a sly form of nationalisation — so why doesn't Blair have the sense to support it?

Simon Jenkins

Tony Blair is looking like Lord Cardigan entering the Valley of Death. I can see him suppressing the panic rising in his gorge. He knows that duty calls. With a proud last glance at his Islington hussars, he moves his horse to a trot. Ahead lie the Labour guns, drawn up on the heights of Clause Four. He will reach them at a party conference on April 29.

There is a Lord Raglan somewhere in the sky cursing every attempt by a Labour leader to show bravado and modernise his party ideology. Mr Blair's struggle over the commitment to public ownership is a case in point. To most members of the public, it is so daft, so irrelevant and so implausible as not to be worth a fight. It is like repealing capital punishment for treason or for ravishing the Sovereign. There are more important things to be done between breakfast-time and tea.

Yet on Monday Mr Blair launched something strangely entitled Labour's "1995 agenda". It had three items. He says he wants to stop rail privatisation, curb the profits of privatised utilities and restore mortgage subsidies for the unemployed. That makes two lost causes — he says he will not renationalise either — and one that is merely expensive. This agenda is so lacking in fibre as to qualify for a New Labour muesli joke. At least when the party rebels talk of common ownership of "the commanding heights of the economy" you can see a stir run through the ranks and Dennis Skinner charge forward with blood dripping from his fangs. The troops know what is expected of them.

Mr Blair must believe that public utilities should either be in the public sector, or not. This is surely a matter of some principle. He says that under the Tories they should be in public ownership, yet he concedes that under Labour he might keep them in the private sector. This is odd. Small wonder his followers are showing concern. I cannot see why he does not opt for public-sector control in ringing terms, and leave his lieutenants to argue later about ownership, money and timing. This would require at most a modest change to Clause Four. What is the problem?

The problem is that both Labour and the Tories are on ideological autopilot over privatisation. They wander the corridors of Westminster waving banners on which is written "Ya Boo, Privatise!" or "Ya Boo, Nationalise!" or, in Mr Blair's case, "Um... Er!" Just as politicians misread what happened under Attlee as nationalisation, so they misread what happened under Thatcher as privatisation. The words are chips in a political game. Out in the goods yards, the water works and the power stations, a grinding industrial war is being fought. Workers there view the antics at Westminster as frontline troops might view a rowdy garden party at staff headquarters.

This week, ministers found themselves in two spots of bother, over railway tickets and over electricity shares. Brian Mawhinney, the Secretary of State for Transport, is worried that passengers may find it hard to get around his fiendishly complicated new railway. He therefore promised that his putative private operators would be forced to sell through tickets at more than just one in eight "core stations" — an expensive imposition. There was then a dispute as to whether he or the Rail Regulator, John Swift, has the right to impose this. To a private business the distinction is immaterial: either way it is "government" bossing it around. Dr Mawhinney backed off, despite having both the power and the duty (under Section 4(1c) of the 1993 Act) to make it easy for passengers to use "services of more than one operator". His reserve powers enable him to tell Mr Swift to do anything within reason — and sack him if he refuses. To both the public and the railway, Dr Mawhinney and Mr Swift are one and the same person.

As I have noted before, railway privatisation is a sham. The 1993 Act was not a privatisation Act. It was an Act bringing the railway under the detailed control of the Treasury and the Department of Transport. They and their agents hope to allow some services to be run by the private sector under contract. That is what even left-wing councils now do with rubbish disposal. The track company, Railtrack, will remain under *de facto* government control, since its monopolistic charges will be determined by Mr Swift. It can be subsidised by the Government to carry uneconomic freight for social reasons. It is even being told to discontinue Scottish sleepers. Mr Swift's lawyers are currently trying to work out who should pay what to whom for sharing lavatories on Paddington station. This is government doing what used to be done by British Rail.

Labour in office could do what it liked with Railtrack without having to buy any of the shares. It can do the same with the new operating companies. For instance, clause 29 of the Act insists that any surplus profits made on the railway will go straight to the Consolidated Fund. This is the same "creaming" of surpluses that is being used for television franchises and trust hospitals. The industry cannot use them to cross-subsidise unprofitable services as before. In future these subsidies will come not from within the rail business but from the Secretary of State in Whitehall. His agent in this is another satrap, called the Franchise Director, who, the Act says, must do what he is told by any Whitehall Pooh-Bah. All these decisions used to be made within the industry.

For ministers to reshuffle an industry's local operating surpluses is the best indicator I know of true nationalisation. Even Attlee balked at this when setting up the British Transport Executive with delegated powers. I would love to know whether Mr Blair agrees with this, as a socialist should. He merely shouts "privatisation" at it, which is absurd. True, some of his trade union supporters will no longer be employed by the State. But as Prime Minister he will have control, irrespective of the pattern of ownership. There is nothing that a Labour government could want to do with the railway that it cannot do under the present Act. The industry is as "public sector" as any European parastatal. Mr Blair's attitude is mystifying.

Electricity presents an even more curious picture. The current bid for Northern Electric from Trafalgar House is a challenge to Nigel Lawson's "golden share" strategy. When the Government rushed through the privatisation of the water and electricity monopolies in the late 1980s, it maintained a government share so as to veto takeover bids. This, coupled with a supposedly tough price regulator, left the industries in private ownership and management, but under effective government control. The golden shares in electricity and water expire this year. Every household's electricity and water bill is enticingly vulnerable to takeover.

Established energy utilities are a licence to print money for their owners. However tough, their regulators are notoriously vulnerable to "industry capture". As distinct companies, they can at least be watched. Now that they can be taken over, their cash-filled balances are hopelessly appealing to impoverished conglomerates such as Trafalgar House. For all the regulator's efforts and Trafalgar's protestations, Northern Electric's captive consumers are poised to cross-subsidise the *QE2*'s litigious passengers. Golden shares were supposed to stop this. Together with price regulation, they turned "privatisation" into what was really an acceptable form of nationalisation. Ministers were able to control an important monopoly and answer for it to Parliament, without having to own or run it. The Government was mad to phase out these shares.

Yet this nationalisation Mr Blair seems to oppose. Or does he? He has not said that he will bring the energy monopolies back into the public sector. He has not even said that he will reintroduce the Tories' old golden shares as a proxy for public ownership. Yet such a form of control is surely a model for New Labour's industrial policy. It offers power over an important industry without the bane of ownership. Capitalism can be kept at bay, and profit regulated. Perhaps Mr Blair has not heard of golden shares. Perhaps he will think about them now. Perhaps, frankly, he is just not sure.

Alan Coren

■ You might fancy seeing yourself cavort in the flicks, but what if all the old stars ignore you?

Of all the exhibition joints in all of the towns in all of the world, you would not want to walk into the Las Vegas Convention Center. That is because you might run into Snappy, and Snappy could do you a serious mischief. For Snappy is one of 41,000 cutting-edge gadgets currently being demonstrated at the 1995 Consumer Electronics Show, and what Snappy could do is star you in *Casablanca*.

According to *US Computer Monthly*'s review of the exhibition, Snappy could do this for only $200. It is a gizmo which, plugged into your personal computer, "allows you to manipulate video images so that, for example, you can place yourself alongside Bogart and Bergman at Casablanca airport, walk the street with Gary Cooper at high noon, dance with Gene Kelly in the rain... in short, for $200 you can fulfil everyone's dream of playing in just about any movie ever made."

Oh really? Are dreams so easy to fulfil? I think not. The record on dreams generally proves that they are somewhat easier to shatter, and it is my guess that if Snappy's own dream is to retire on the proceeds of physically inserting us into celluloid worlds we have hitherto only spectated — however metaphorically transported we might have been while spectating — then Snappy's dream will prove to be as fragile as ours. And I set aside here the collateral damage done to the film itself: while *High Noon* may never be the same for having a denouement in which, with the clock showing 11.55, a grinning man from Cricklewood in a baggy cardigan suddenly walks through a wall into Main Street, or *Singin' in the Rain* be hard-pressed to recover from a scene in which the remarkable new star of *High Noon* reappears in order to slosh about asynchronously in the gutter while Gene Kelly twinkles on the sidewalk, the destruction of a seminal work of art is not the issue here. The issue here is the extent to which the interloper can integrate, for only thus may he realise the dream that Snappy maintains everyone has of becoming a part of the whole iconic shebang.

So picture this. Synthetic fog swirls about the *Casablanca* set. In the background, as fateful aero engines cough alive, Bogart and Bergman stand for their parting moment, so that Bogie can pass on to her his considered view that the problems of three little people in this crazy world don't amount to a hill of beans. But Bogie has not noticed that they have been joined by another. This other has worked hard to prepare himself for the part. He has shed his baggy cardigan and donned a nice creased Burberry and a wide-brimmed trilby, set at a rakish angle. A cigarette slants from his lips, which, at this point, are pressed into further service. The lips say: "Make that four little people."

But neither Bogart nor Bergman responds. This is not because they do not know who this fourth hat is who has unexpectedly materialised from the pea soup to throw in his lot with them and Paul Henreid, or what part he might have played in the plot which has brought them to this bank and shoal of time, it is because they do not know he is there at all. They cannot see him. As if to emphasise this, when Bogie now says "Here's looking at you, kid," there is only one kid he is looking at.

Because the reality, as opposed to its virtual simulacrum, is that the man from Cricklewood, jiggle his keyboard however he may, is as doomed to be no less a bystander at these proceedings than he was when he first watched them from the one-and-nines. Worse, his pitiful attempt at inclusion serves only to exclude him further now than then, for it is one thing to identify with Bogart, but quite another to attempt unsuccessfully to replace him. Oh, look, he has pushed a new button, he has made himself a head taller than Bogart, he has stopped smoking, he is talking Swedish, but Bergman nonetheless continues to ignore him, because she can do nothing else, she must get on the plane with Henreid. All the dreamer can do is stand there and mutter: "We'll always have Cricklewood," which nobody hears.

For you must remember this, Snappy: you can put the movie into the boy, but however much time goes by, you cannot put the boy into the movie. The fundamental things apply.

THE TIMES DIARY

Camilla's tale

THE SAD business of the Parker Bowles divorce is to be followed up on celluloid. An American company is to make a mini-series based on *Camilla: The King's Mistress*, a lively biography by the British journalist Caroline Graham.

The film will be made by the outfit that turned Andrew Morton's book, *Diana: Her True Story*, into a mini-series. Its producer, Martin Poll of Cohiba Productions, which bought the rights only days ago, believes that Camilla's story too will make compulsive viewing.

"I heard of the divorce this morning," he said from his Los Angeles home yesterday. "I decided straightaway to go ahead with the film. It's not only the best soap opera you can get, but it's Camilla's true story — and what a great title: 'The King's Mistress'."

Poll says he hopes to recall David Threlfall, the actor who played the Prince of Wales in the Morton mini-series, to step into the Prince's shoes again. Other suggestions include Helen Mirren or Miranda Richardson as Camilla, and *To the Manor Born* star Peter Bowles as Andrew Parker Bowles. Poll said he was saddened by the formal separation but not surprised. "I've been looking into this for some time and it seemed pretty likely. Maybe, with the divorce, there's room for a sequel."

Quick exit

THE MAN blamed in part for the conditions at Whitemoor prison which allowed five IRA terrorists to try to escape last year has just cancelled a speech on jail security at Cambridge University. Andrew Barclay, former governor of Whitemoor, the top security jail, had been signed up by the Cambridge University Centre (or Grad Pad to undergraduates) last March to talk to its business club.

"When we booked him nearly a year ago, we had no idea how topical the subject would be by now," a club spokesman says, "but to be honest, I half expected him to cancel after recent events." Barclay, who withdrew yesterday, left Whitemoor in May last year before the escape bid in September, but a damning report by Sir John Woodcock criticised the prison under his governorship.

● *As Neil Kinnock was being grilled by MEPs in Brussels, along with other Commissioners-designate, Glenys Kinnock was stuck at home in bed. She was taken ill on Sunday night and doctors at the European Parliament's medical centre insisted that she should rest.*

Roar material

ARFUR the lion's days as a crowd-puller are far from over. The London Zoo celebrity, which died on Monday, is to be stuffed and given pride of place in the Royal Museum of Scotland's wild cat collection. A taxidermist from the Edinburgh museum has already supervised the removal of his skeleton for research and his skin for stuffing with foam.

"We like to show animals involved in natural behaviour," Andrew Kitchener, the museum's curator of mammals and birds, explains. "They might be following a scent or hunting. Sometimes we do animals mating, but of course we'd need another Asiatic lion with Arfur to achieve that."

Four ayes

GORDON BROWN'S constituency office appears to be the headquarters of Clause Four supporters. The advertisement in yesterday's *Guardian* calling for Clause Four to remain in Labour's constitution invited party organisations and affiliates to write to an Inverkeithing address which seems to be the Shadow Chancellor's office.

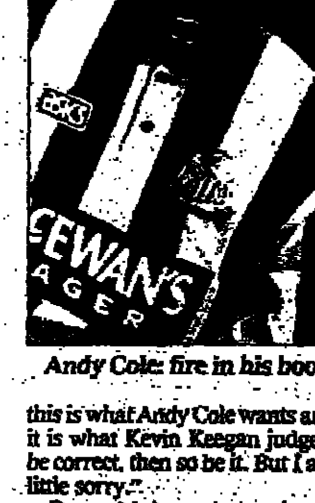
The Scottish Office Minister, Allan Stewart, has written to Brown seeking confirmation, quoting it as a matter of public interest. "May I ask you to confirm that the Clause Four campaign opposing the Labour leadership is being masterminded at the address of your constituency office? Second, what is the method and source of payment for the campaign?"

● *Fans of Luciano Pavarotti will have to part with more notes than ever before to see his greatness in Verdi's* Un Ballo in Maschera *at the Royal Opera House this April. The best seats will soon be going on sale for £267 — a record for performances other than a charity gala.*

Hot property

AT THE end of the day, Andy Cole's record-breaking £7 million transfer to Manchester United left Newcastle fans gutted. There were hordes at the gates of St James' Park, the Newcastle ground, yesterday and the atmosphere was subdued at Archbishop's House, Westminster.

Cardinal Hume was philosophical but could not hide his regret. "If this is what Andy Cole wants and if it is what Kevin Keegan judges to be correct, then so be it. But I am a little sorry."



Andy Cole: fire in his boots

Doug McAvoy, general-secretary of the National Union of Teachers and a huge fan, took it on the chin. "Taking Cole to Newcastle is one thing, but selling the cinders at a profit might allow investment in local talent — Alan Shearer."

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REBELS WITHOUT A CLAUSE

Blair's opponents cannot justify the status quo

Labour is the most conservative of parties. Whenever a leader embarks on a reform, however overdue, he faces the same intransigent noises from the Left, complaining of unnecessary distractions from the business of opposition and chances for the Conservatives to exploit divisions within Labour. These arguments were used when Neil Kinnock expelled members of Militant Tendency from the party and when he instituted a policy review. They were used when John Smith brought in one-member-one-vote for party elections. And they are now common currency in the debate over Tony Blair's plan to reform Clause Four.

Yesterday, an extraordinary advertisement, purporting to represent the views of 32 Labour MEPs, called for the retention of the offending clause. "With Britain and much of the world in crisis," it said, "this is no time to jettison this powerful weapon for social and economic justice." Yet the values that the writers of the advertisement claim to be the essence of Clause Four — "opportunity, equality, fairness, justice and democracy" — are those that Mr Blair wants to insert into Labour's constitution. They are not embodied in the current wording, which simply ties Labour to an anachronistic form of economic organisation.

Many of the MEPs were apparently unaware that this advertisement had been inserted; a few have now disowned it. But the timing is still unfortunate for Mr Blair and his modernising colleagues. And its prominence shows both the depth of the pockets and the strength of the organisation of his opponents. In a speech in Brussels last night, he strayed from the subject of Europe to deliver a few trenchant words to them. "The Labour Party," he argued, "is not a preservation society. Those who seriously believe we cannot improve on words written for the world of 1918 when we are now in 1995 are not learning from our history but merely living in it."

As Mr Blair went on to say, a party that preaches change must be able to countenance change for itself. And if the only justification for the status quo is that change is a distraction or is divisive, that merely illustrates the hollowness of the case against modernisation. No company could eschew change for those reasons. Political parties, too, have to change to live.

Reform of Clause Four is not a distraction from the business of opposition: it is part of that very business. Labour's criticism of the Conservatives will carry little weight with voters if it does not know what it stands for itself. A 39-point lead in the polls can collapse very quickly if it is not underpinned by positive support for Labour's project. Simple dissatisfaction with the Government is not enough for Labour to win power, as the last general election proved.

Labour's policies cannot be modernised convincingly until they can be measured against a proper template of values. Even if Labour did stand for the common ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange, that fact tells a shadow spokesman nothing about how educational standards should be improved or whether rail travel should be preferred to roads.

Between now and the special conference in April, the Clause Four debate will intensify. In the short term, this may look like an embarrassment for the Labour leader. But the battle should also help to boost his popularity. As the fight over Militant showed, any Labour leader who takes on Arthur Scargill and beats him wins public acclaim. Mr Blair took a calculated risk in Blackpool last year: it should not be without reward.

STATE OF DEVELOPMENT

A new guide to the British revolution in government

The *Times* Guide to *The New British State*, which is published today, is described by its authors as "a snapshot taken from a moving vehicle". The metaphor is apt. In compiling this survey of the nation's institutions and agencies, Michael Dynes and David Walker have documented a revolution in British government which has swept through Whitehall, local authorities and public services in little more than a decade. It has affected the lives of every citizen. Yet — remarkably — this is the first directory of the new institutional landscape to appear.

All over the world taxpayers are demanding better services, more efficient bureaucracy and lower public spending. Most of the movement's theoreticians have been American: James Pinkerton has written of the "new paradigm" in statecraft, while David Osborne and Ted Gaebler have led the intellectual campaign to "reinvent government". Yet the most ambitious practitioners of the revolution have been British. Civil servants from many other countries have flocked here to learn more about the radical reforms that have transformed this country's governing institutions in the past 15 years.

As the *Times* Guide shows, there is a genuine theoretical coherence to the changes. In their different ways, the Citizen's Charter, the NHS trusts, the Next Steps agencies and the new regulatory bodies reflect the belief that responsibility should be devolved as far as possible; that the town hall is not always the best mechanism of local governance; that government should be subject to market pressures and competition; and that transparency improves public services. These principles are clear enough. But the manner in which they have been implemented has been far more contentious. In particular, the Government has yet to persuade the public that the new institutions it has created are sufficiently accountable. The recent embarrassments of the Prison Service illustrate the difficulties involved in devolving power within a bureaucracy. Many prison governors are clearly unready for the responsibilities that have been foisted on them; the lines of communication between Home Office, service and jails are quite unsatisfactory. It is hard to see who is accountable for what in this highly sensitive area of the criminal justice system. The fiasco of the Child Support Agency, similarly, shows how the new agencies will fare if they have poor performance targets.

For Labour, too, the *Times* Guide raises important questions: A new agency is not necessarily a "quango" simply because it does not fit into the old-fashioned local authority structure. The governing body of a grant-maintained school is not answerable to its nearest town hall; but it is more truly accountable to its parents than a local authority school could ever be. Nor is the local ballot box the only means of making a public service more accountable to its consumers: citizens exert pressure by making choices as well as by casting votes. Adapting to this new pluralism in local governance is one of the hardest conceptual tasks ahead of the Opposition.

None of these difficulties will be resolved without a ready supply of information. Policymakers need to know more about the new agencies; ordinary citizens need far more information too to learn what is being done in their name and how it affects them. It takes time to grow used to a new landscape. The new *Times* Guide is a map for those perplexed by what they see.

FRONTIER VISION

Santer must switch off the protectionist channel

Television viewers across Europe should raise their remote-controls in salute to Sir Leon Brittan. Had the European Trade Commissioner not intervened earlier this month, French proposals to impose mandatory quotas on European broadcasters could well have been approved by the outgoing Commission of Jacques Delors before its writ ran out. The matter now awaits the attention of the new Commission, led by Jacques Santer, which opens its shop in less than a fortnight.

The presidency of the European Union has fallen to France for the first six months of this year: most observers would have expected Paris to concern itself with such issues as the Union's eastward enlargement, unemployment, or the threat to Europe from instability in the Maghreb. Not so: France, it seems, intends to kick off with television, and the mighty matter of rewriting a European directive from 1989. It is curious that the directive in question is called "Television Without Frontiers": the French Government is determined to erect around European television a new Great Wall.

The directive was conceived in order to foster a "single market" in news, cultural programmes and entertainment.directive The French saw in it an opportunity to "protect" Europe from being "swamped" by American programmes; they demanded that more than half of all programmes broadcast across EU frontiers must be made in Europe. Britain and Germany, rightly objecting to quotas as an infringement of free expression, secured the insertion of a caveat that this should only be required "where practicable and by appropriate means".

Even in its current form, the directive is opposed by commercial broadcasters, the British and Luxembourg Governments, and liberal Commissioners such as Sir Leon, Martin Bangemann and Raniero Vanni D'Archirafi. The French Government wishes, however, to eliminate the "where practicable" loophole, and had enlisted the enthusiastic support of João de Deus Pinheiro, the outgoing Portuguese Commissioner for Media and Culture. France felt that M Delors would prove altogether more receptive to this protectionist amendment than might the new President of the Commission. On this issue, at least, Paris cannot take Mr Santer for granted: a Luxembourger, he may prove unwilling to support a move which would harm the interests of his own country.

Mr Santer must resist French pressure. Mandatory quotas would only weaken the competitiveness of Europe's broadcasting industry, create an unnecessary rift between the EU and America, and impair the development of new screen-based services. They would also offend against the principles of free speech. And culturally, they are certain to prove ineffective. France already has the strictest internal laws in Europe on what can be shown on television. By this attitude, its Government is not so much protecting its citizens as starving them of more attractive fare.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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UN peacekeeping role in disarray

From the Director-General of the Save the Children Fund

Sir, The election of a Republican majority in the United States Congress marks a watershed, it seems, not only for President Clinton's Administration but also for the United Nations.

This is apparent from Secretary-General Boutros Boutros Ghali's statement on January 6 that "enforcement action at present is beyond the capacity of the United Nations except on a very limited scale". His sad announcement comes in the wake of far-reaching criticism of the UN by members of the new Republican Congress and the introduction recently into the Senate of legislation that would make it well-nigh impossible for US troops to serve under a UN commander.

Few would argue that the expectations of the international community with regard to the UN since the ending of the Cold War have been exactly realistic. Many members have been torpid in their response to UN requests to provide troops and seemingly reluctant to stump up for the cost of UN interventions.

The consequent administrative delays have brought the whole concept of UN "peacekeeping" into disrespect: by the time the peacekeepers arrived in Somalia, Rwanda or former Yugoslavia, the demand was for *peacemaking* and as a result all of these interventions have failed to a greater or less extent.

Secretary-General Boutros Ghali has once again put forward the proposal for a UN "rapid deployment force" to consist of "battalions stationed in their respective home countries but on call to the United Nations". Given the unfortunate inevitability of further post-Cold War conflict, this may well be one option worth pursuing.

However, such a force would be unlikely to provide what has been so notably absent in every recent crisis: namely the capacity to undertake an immediate, authoritative and independent assessment of the steps to be taken in order to prevent conflict degenerating rapidly into catastrophe.

Had the machinery referred to been in place and its recommendations followed, it is quite probable that the tragic loss of hundreds of thousands of lives that Save the Children and others have so often witnessed in recent crises would have been avoided.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS HINTON,
Director-General,
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17 Grove Lane, SE5.
January 9.

From Lord Campbell of Croy

Sir, In addition to those main principles in the United Nations Charter, recorded in your timely leading article, "Utopia invented" (January 2), there was another insisted upon by important founder member states. It was incorporated in paragraph 7 of article 2, the key wording of which is: "Nothing contained in the present Charter shall authorise the United Nations to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state . . ."

In the first few years of the UN reference was often made at its meetings to this clause when nations were apprehensive that their internal affairs might be investigated or interfered with. Since the Cold War came to an end disturbances have flared up within individual countries, but article 2 (7) has restrained action by the UN unless it is decided that a situation is causing a threat to international peace.

The UN has nonetheless sought ways of calming civil wars and saving lives by peacekeeping operations (not visualised in the Charter) and by protecting the delivery of humanitarian supplies, both carried out by lightly armed forces. These actions are bound to appear weak and to give the impression of "ineffectiveness". They are surely better than doing nothing.

Yours faithfully,
CAMPBELL of CROY,
House of Lords.
January 3.

Puccini programme

From Mrs Michela Giuliani Franklin

Sir, In his article today, "Airing of Puccini epic produces discordant note", your correspondent translates the title of the RAI programme *La famiglia Ricordi* as *The Family Memories*.

The word Ricordi, in this case, does not mean memories. It is the name of the founder of the long-established and still going music publisher of Milan — a household name in Italy and in the musical world. They have patronised all the big names of Italian music for around 200 years and the name deserves to be left in its original.

After all, you would not dream of translating names like Verdi or Rossini. Greens? Little Reds?

Yours etc,
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Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.
January 10.

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Issues in restoring listed buildings

From the Honorary President of the Association of Conservation Officers

Sir, Teresa Gorman, MP, deserves our sympathy. She was clearly badly advised in undertaking the "restoration" of her listed farmhouse without the benefit of listed building consent ("When dream houses don't make the grade", January 9; letters, January 3, 6). The farmhouse, at least, will never be the same again.

I am, however, particularly saddened by the fact that your article may unduly alarm or discourage the many responsible owners, or potential owners, of historic buildings. Listed buildings represent not more than 2 per cent of all buildings, and they deserve our particular care. Contrary to remarks which you quote from Mr Adrian Dobinson of the Renaissance Partnership, the local authority conservation officers are very knowledgeable indeed and, providing they are consulted beforehand, they will be very helpful.

There are only about 420,000 listed homes in the United Kingdom, not the 630,000 or so suggested in your article. Repairs, and indeed many alterations which do not affect the character of listed buildings, do not need consent, and 90 per cent of applications for alteration work which do affect their character are approved.

The point of making applications is to allow records to be made, and expert advice, or grants, to be offered. The result is not that owners' intentions are necessarily frustrated but, rather, that they are better informed — which is what Parliament intended.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL PEARCE,
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January 9.

From the Vicar of St Aidan with St Gregory and St Oswald, Small Heath

Sir, Mr Godfrey Carter (letter, January 6) expresses his sympathy with Mrs Gorman, together with "a sense of guilt" for his own role in drafting the law on alterations to listed buildings.

I wonder if I might risk adding to Mr Carter's sense of guilt by asking whether he intended that the process by which a building is listed should become, as in my experience it has, secret until the owner is notified by letter.

I am the incumbent of a church built in the early part of this century in what is now an inner-city area of Birmingham. In 1988 the Department of the Environment categorically refused a request for listing from a parishioner. Nevertheless, in the autumn of 1994, out of the blue, I received a letter from the Department of National Heritage, informing me that the church had just been listed.

There had been no consultation with or notification of myself as incumbent, or with the churchwardens, the archdeacon, the bishop, the city planning authority or the Council for the Care of Churches. Indeed, as I now know, the listing arose from a request by an individual (not even a resident in Birmingham) on the basis of his uncompleted study of the church. The only interested party to see that study was an English Heritage inspector who had not even visited the church, and whose report was made available only to Department of National Heritage officials.

The financial and other consequences of this decision will be seriously harmful to an already poor inner-city parish seeking to serve its people.

Yours faithfully,
G. A. WILKINSON,
St Aidan's House, 172 Herbert Road,
Small Heath, Birmingham 10.
January 6.

From Lord Kennet

Sir, I was interested to read Mr Godfrey Carter's letter on alterations to listed houses, since I was the junior minister who wrote the section of the 1968 Town and Country Planning Act which Mr Carter tells us he had to put into legal shape as Parliamentary Counsel. He writes:

> With misgivings, I drafted a clause which made it an offence to alter a listed building in such a way as to 'affect its quality as a building of architectural or historic interest'.

In fact the only change from the pre-existing law was that the word "substantially" was now left out before "affect". I thought, and Parliament agreed, that the effect of any alteration on the quality of an important building should be publicly examined before being carried out.

I share Mr Carter's sympathy with those householders whose local authority is unreasonably pernickety, but one should remember that every planning refusal tends to be seen as unreasonable by the applicant: the appeal system is available.

Certainly the 1968 Planning Act has been quite an important part of the system which reduced the galloping loss of the built heritage we faced in those days: 400 listed buildings completely lost every year.

Yours sincerely,
WAYLAND KENNET
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Minister of Housing and Local
Government, 1966-70),
House of Lords.

Justice in West case

From the Secretary of the Criminal Bar Association

Sir, David Pannick, QC, states ("Juries have minds of their own", January 5) that fears that newspaper coverage of the death of Mr Frederick West might prejudice a fair trial for the remaining defendant are unfounded. Apparently, a direction from a trial judge to a jury to ignore all that has gone before should be sufficient to dispel bias.

Those of us who practise in the criminal courts are aware of the adverse feeling which can be generated against a defendant before a trial starts. It is impossible to determine how deep that prejudice may be. Reporting restrictions should be honoured in the case of Mrs West, to prevent the trial process being damaged by unfair external pressure until guilt or innocence has been resolved. Her right to a fair trial upon admissible evidence must also be protected.

At this stage details of the allegations against Mr West, if needed, can be given privately, by the police and counsellors, to those with a genuine interest. They should not be proclaimed in newspapers under the guise of public interest. That can come after the conclusion of proceedings against Mrs West.

Yours faithfully,
STEVEN KAY (Secretary,
Criminal Bar Association),
3 Gray's Inn Square, WC1.

Machines versus man

From Mr Raymond Franks

Sir, While one appreciates the problems of the jobless it is difficult to criticise "business circles" for preferring machines to man under the employment conditions existing in this country and most of Europe (Dr M. A. Plint's letter, December 30).

A machine does not require the employment of additional staff for the keeping of PAYE records, nor does it impose the costs of National Insurance, paid holidays, sickness pay or maternity benefit. It can be worked, in many cases, for 24 hours per day and will not expect overtime pay, and never goes on strike for higher wages.

Nor does it require redundancy pay in the event of a recession or have the ability to sue for wrongful dismissal. The problems of sex discrimination, sexual harassment, and the allegedly damaging effects to health of secondary smoking in the place of employment do not arise.

The fact that the preference for machines rather than man inevitably creates unemployment may well be deplorable, but in an increasingly internationally competitive world their attractions to any modern business are obvious.

Yours truly,
R. FRANKS,
Hillcrest House, Manor Gardens,
Thorner, West Yorkshire.

From Dr John D. Farquhar

Sir, I am old enough to have worked in a gang planting trees and thinning plantations with spade and axe; and while I admire the machines which have replaced us, Dr Plint's equation — one skilled machine operator equals several manual workers on the dole — needs another negative term: the lost pleasure of working in a team.

Yours faithfully,
J. D. FARQUHAR,
15 Mill Way,
Ampleforth, North Yorkshire.

A sour taste

From Mr Stephen M. Hustler

Sir, On a recent visit to a restaurant my wife was presented with her main course, but not the requested fresh vegetable mornay.

The waitress apologised and said there would be only minimal delay as that fresh dish was actually "boil in the bag", taking only a minute in the microwave.

What other occasion could equal this as to honesty and the truth being so unappetising?

Yours faithfully,
STEVE HUSTLER,
31 Hallowes Drive,
Dronfield,
Sheffield, South Yorkshire.
January 8.

Nizam's jewels

From Mr Raymond D. Hall

Sir, The decision of the Indian Government to purchase the jewels of the Nizam of Hyderabad (report, January 4) for the sum of £25 million is an affront to the work of British charities and government aid given to combat poverty and disease within India.

Surely this sum of money could be better spent.

Yours faithfully,
R. D. HALL,
2 Maxwell Road,
All Saints,
Wolverhampton, West Midlands.
January 5.

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Covent Garden's case for funds

From the General Director of the Royal Opera House

Sir, Richard Morrison suggests ("Lottery cash? It should be us, darling", Weekend, January 7) that I explain why, when Glyndebourne cost only £35 million, the Royal Opera House extension will cost more than £150 million. There are good reasons: our scheme is bigger, and more complex.

Glyndebourne is a jewel of the English summer: in its festival season it gives 80 performances of six operas. The Royal Opera House already offers 270 performances a year to, roughly, twice as many patrons each evening. In the new house, by modernising the stage facilities and adding a studio theatre to the main auditorium, we shall give 400 performances of more than 40 operas and ballets to 600,000 paying customers.

We shall also create a home for the Royal Ballet, whose rehearsal space is now split between Covent Garden and Baron's Court. We shall in addition refurbish and revitalise two Grade I listed buildings — Barry's theatre, built in 1858, and his Floral Hall (1859), now in disrepair, which will become a much needed, spacious public salon. We shall, in other words, ensure that Britain's capital continues in the next century to enjoy opera and ballet to the highest international standard.

I did say the other day, and will say again, that this can be seen as a bargain, even at a cost of over £50 million, not just because it is a third of the total cost and we shall find more than two thirds ourselves, but because £50 million represents a seventh of the cost to the French public recently of building a new opera house in Paris.

Facing up to the true cost of repairing and sustaining the infrastructure of valuable public services, whether schools, railways, hospitals, prisons, museums or theatres, so far from being cheeky, is actually responsible common sense. The alternative is dearth and dereliction. Who wants that?

Yours faithfully,
J. ISAACS,
General Director,
Royal Opera House,
Covent Garden, WC2.
January 9.

Publishing costs

From Mrs Sheila M. Smith

Sir, Poor paper and binding make it unlikely that many of today's titles will be handed on to our children to enjoy in the way that we have enjoyed our parents' books (letters, January 9). We who work in book production have long been aware of these problems and have fought hard to maintain the standards of printing, paper and binding that go to make a book an object for future generations to love and to cherish.

Unfortunately the cost constraints of modern publishing have meant that these standards have been dropped, usually with the comment that "nobody will notice". At last it seems that people *are* noticing, and I do hope that this will encourage enlightened publishers to revert to the standards they have so blithely abandoned over recent years.

When I worked in the production department of Jonathan Cape (before the Cape production department was disbanded and the list produced by the general production department of Random House) we produced a uniform series of the works of Gabriel Garcia Márquez, on good-quality paper, with sewn binding, real cloth covers and head and tail bands. These were beautiful books and will certainly stand the test of time. Could other publishers not do the same for their authors?

Yous faithfully,
SHEILA M. SMITH,
50 Hatley Close,
Friern Barnet, N11.
January 9.

Need for reassurance

From Mr Mark Romer

Sir, Could you not persuade Dr Thomas Stuttaford to put on his spectacles again? Without them, his medical column today (Body and Mind) seemed to lack something of that kindly authority to which we have happily grown accustomed.

Yours faithfully,
MARK ROMER,
Gillings Hill, Arkesden Road,
Clavering, Saffron Walden, Essex.
January 3.

Gender extension

From Canon P. G. L. Cole

Sir, Camelot and the legal profession were not the first to recognise the existence of a third gender (Mr David Deane's letter on his new lease, January 4). Others indeed have been more specific.

In a survey emanating from Church House some years ago I was asked in the final question to indicate my status by putting a tick as appropriate against the following questions: Male? Female? Clergy?

Yours faithfully,
PETER G. L. COLE,
Marula Cottage, Lower Street,
Fittleworth,
Pulborough, West Sussex.
January 4.

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COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
NORFOLK

January 10: Mrs Robert de Pass has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

KENSINGTON PALACE

January 10: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Honorary Air Commodore, Royal Air Force Coningsby, today received Group Captain D.A. Williams on relinquishing his appointment as Station Commander, and Group Captain M.A. Gleave on assuming this appointment.

KENSINGTON PALACE

January 10: The Duke of Gloucester, Honorary Freeman, The Worshipful Company of Masons, attended a Court Luncheon at Mercers' Hall, Ironmonger Lane, London EC2.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will attend the London international boat show and luncheon at Earls Court Exhibition Centre at 10.50; and, as Master of the Woolmen's Company, will attend the alms court meeting and livery dinner at Painters' Hall at 5.25.

Birthdays today

Mr Graham Allen, MP, 42; The Right Rev J.A. Baker, former Bishop of Salisbury, 67; Mr J. Rashleigh Belcher, thoracic surgeon, 78; Sir Alan Bowness, former director, Tate Gallery, 67; Sir Robin Catford, civil servant, 72; Mr Henry Cecil, racehorse trainer, and Mr David Cecil, racehorse breeder, 52; Mr Jason Connery, actor, 32; Mr Neville Duke, former test pilot, 73; Air Marshal Sir Reginald Emson, 83; Mr A.A. Gray, former chairman, Wellcome Foundation, 83; Lord Jacques, 90; Mr Brian Moore, rugby player, 35; Sir Alastair Morton, co-chairman, Eurotunnel, 57; Lord Newton, 45; Sir Anthony Nutting, former MP, 75; Mr Jim Perris, governor, Wormwood Scrubs, 53; Mr Bryan Robson, footballer, 38; Air Chief Marshal Sir John Rogers, 67; Mr Arthur Scargill, trade unionist, 57; Mr John Sessions, actor and comedian, 42; Air Commodore Joy Tamblin, former director, WRAF, 69; Mr R.C. Tress, former Master, Birkbeck College, 80.

Latest wills

Lady Clarisse Renee Elizabeth Tangye, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, left estate valued at £871,687 net.

Luncheon

HM Government

The Hon Douglas Hogg, QC, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a farewell luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at the Locarno Room of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in honour of the Hungarian Ambassador, Mr Tibor Antalpéter.

Dinners

Speaker

The Speaker held a dinner last night in Speaker's House in honour of Mr Glafcos Clerides, President of Cyprus. The High Commissioner for Cyprus and Mr Alecos Michaelides, Foreign Minister, were also present. Among the other guests were:

Mr David Alton, Mr Robin Corbett, MP, Mr Jim Cousins, MP, Mr Tom Cox, MP, Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse, MP, Mr John Marshall, MP, Mr Alan Meale, MP, Mrs Barbara Roche, MP, Mr Nigel Waterson, MP, Mr Yiannakis Cassoulides and Mr Nicolas Bevan.

Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained the Court of Aldermen, the Sheriffs and High Officers of the Corporation of London and their ladies at a dinner held last night at the Mansion House.

Memorial service

Anthony Cox

A Memorial Service for Anthony David Machell Cox will be held in University College Chapel, Oxford, at noon on Saturday, January 21, 1995.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Il Parmigianino, painter, Parma, Italy, 1503; Alexander Hamilton, American statesman, Nevis, West Indies, 1755; Sir Charles Hastings, physician, founder of the British Medical Association, Ludlow, 1794; Sir John Macdonald, Prime Minister of Canada 1867-73 and 1878-91, Glasgow, 1815; William James, psychologist, New York, 1842; George Curzon, Marquess Curzon of Kedleston, Viceroy of India 1898-1905, Kedleston Hall, Derbyshire, 1859; Harry Gordon Selfridge, founder of the London store, Ripon, Wisconsin, 1864; Alan Stewart Paton, writer, Pietermaritzburg, 1903.

DEATHS: Domenico Ghirlandajo, historian, London, 1494; Cardinal Pedro Gonzalez de Mendoza, prelate and statesman, Spain, 1495; Sir Hans Sloane, physician and collector, London, 1753; Louis François Roubiliac, sculptor, London, 1762; Domenico Cimarosa, composer, Venice, 1801; Friedrich von Schlegel, philosopher and historian, Dresden, 1829; Francis Scott Key, poet, Baltimore, 1843; Georges Eugene Haussmann, architect who re-planned Paris, Paris, 1891; Thomas Hardy, novelist and poet, Dorchester, 1928; Caradoc Evans, writer, Aberystwyth, 1945; Hugh Gaitskell, leader of the Labour Party 1955-63, London, 1963; Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri, Prime Minister of India 1964-66, Tashkent, 1966; Alberto Giacometti, sculptor, Chur, Switzerland, 1966; Richmal Crompton, author, 1969; Padraic Colum, poet, Enfield, Connecticut, 1972.

Charing Cross station was opened, London, 1864.

Insulin first used successfully in the treatment of diabetes, 1922.

King Zog of Albania was dethroned, 1946.

The Open University awarded its first degrees, 1973.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. Bailey
and Miss G.E. Thompson

The engagement is announced between Daniel, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Bailey, of Ockbrook, Derbyshire, and Georgette, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Thompson, of Franklin, Tennessee, United States.

Mr T. Butter
and Miss B.C. Grantham-Hill

The engagement is announced between Timothy, twin son of Mr and Mrs Peter Butter, of Crowborough, East Sussex, and Belinda Claire, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Rodney Grantham-Hill, of Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire.

Mr D.S. Fielden
and Miss S.J. Higgins

The engagement is announced between Dominic Shaw, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Fielden, of Bath, Avon, and Suzanne Jane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Higgins, of Besselsleigh, Oxford.

Mr G.C.B. Hindley
and Miss E.J. Rashleigh

The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Hindley, of Rolvenden, Kent, and Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Rashleigh, of Warren Row, Berkshire.

Major A.J.M. Lowther-Pinkerton
and Miss S.L. Richards

The engagement is announced between Major James Lowther-Pinkerton, Irish Guards, son of Mrs Anthony Lowther-Pinkerton and of the late Mr Anthony Lowther-Pinkerton, of Alderton, Suffolk, and Susannah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs William Richards, of Methersgate, Suffolk.

Mr F.C. Marshall
and Miss C.H. Millar

The engagement is announced between Fraser Charles, younger son of Mr and Mrs F.W.C. Marshall, of London, SW8, and Charlotte Hayward, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.D. Millar, of London, NW3.

Mr S.C. Perkins
and Miss E.N. Balfour

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Perkins, of Dursley, Gloucestershire, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Fergus Balfour, of Englefield Green, Surrey.

Mr M.E. Pryke
and Miss J.L. Seal

The engagement is announced between Martin, younger son of Mr and Mrs Timothy Pryke, of Holmwood, Surrey, and Joanna (Dodie), daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Darell Seal, of Ayot St Peter, Hertfordshire.

Mr A.J.S. Soper
and Ms R.E. Langley

The engagement is announced between Scott, son of Mr James Soper, of Bognor Regis, and Mrs Rosemary Soper, of Lowestoft, and Ramani, daughter of Mr Gordon Langley, QC, and Mrs Langley, of Teddington, Middlesex.

Mr J.A.H. Spooner
and Miss S.E. Gillespie

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Edward Spooner, of Longparish, Hampshire, and Sarah, daughter of the late Mr Asher Gillespie, and of Mrs Gillespie, of Cooden, Sussex.

Mr O.E. Waft
and Miss L.E. Grace

The engagement is announced between Owen, son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Waft, of Haxby, Yorkshire, and Laura Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Grace, of Jackson, Michigan.

Mr R.W. Young
and Miss M.R. Talbot

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr Ken Young and of Mrs Sheila Young, of Warwick, and Marina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Talbot, of Putney, SW15.

MARCY MENDELSON

Robin Knox-Johnston and Ellen Macarthur walking along the Serpentine in London yesterday after winning awards for sailing. Miss Macarthur, 18, skilled at offshore cruising, received the BT Young Sailor of the Year Award while Mr Knox-Johnston was made BT/Yachting Journalists' Association Yachtsman of the Year jointly with Peter Blake for their non-stop 74-day round the world voyage

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Fredrik Arvidsson, Assistant Curate, All Saints, Botley: to be Assistant Curate, All Saints, Botley, St Peter, Curdridge and Holy Cross, Durley, held in plurality (Portsmouth).

The Rev Ruth Milverton, Deacon (NSM), Weymouth Holy Trinity: to be Priest (NSM), Weymouth Holy Trinity (Salisbury).

The Rev Gregory Page-Turner, Rector, Askerswell, Loders and Powerstock, and Rural Dean of Lyme Bay: now also Rural Dean of Beaminster (in addition to Lyme Bay) (Salisbury).

The Rev Horace Phillips, Priest-in-charge, Peopleton and White Ladies Aston w. Churchill and Spetchley, and Diocesan Schools' Officer (Worcester): to be Rector, the enlarged benefit of Peopleton and White Ladies Aston w. Churchill and Spetchley and Upton Snodsbury and Broughton Hackett, and to continue as Diocesan Schools Officer, same diocese.

The Rev Mark Rainsbury, Assistant Curate, Tonbridge St Stephen (Rochester): to be Curate, Hampreston Team Ministry (Salisbury).

The Rev John Robinson, Curate, Dalton (Sheffield): to be Priest-in-charge, St Bartholemew, Milehouse and St Mark, Ford (Exeter).

The Rev Peter Rutherford, permission to officiate, diocese Norwich: to be Priest-in-charge, (NSM), Earlham St Mary, same diocese.

The Rev Warren Sellers, Team Vicar, Upper Kennet Team Ministry: to be Team Rector, Upper Kennet Team Ministry (Salisbury).

The Rev Geoffrey Spencer, Priest-in-charge, Barkestone w. Plungar, Redmile and Stathern; Bottesford and Muston; Harby w. Long Clawson and Hose: to be also Deputy Rural Dean of Framland for a period of two years (Leicester).

The Rev Derrick Stiff, Priest-in-charge, St Peter and St Paul, Lavenham: to be also Priest-in-charge, Preston St Mary (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Michael Stone, Christian Stewardship Adviser and Non-Stipendiary Minister in the diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich: to be also Vocations Adviser, same diocese.

The Rev Peter Turnbull, Assistant Curate, Upper Norwood All Saints (Southwark): to be part-time Chaplain, Dorchester Prison, and Assistant Priest, Dorchester Team Ministry (Salisbury).

The Rev John Walton, Team Vicar, Bourne Valley Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, Puddletown and Tolpuddle (Salisbury).

The Rev Colin Way, Rector, Acle w. Fishley (LEP), and North Burlingham, and Chairman of Diocesan Board of Education (Norwich): to be also Rural Dean of Blofield, same diocese.

The Rev Alexander Welby, Vicar, Bowling (Bradford): to be Priest-in-charge, Hatherleigh, Meeth, Jacobstowe and Exbourne (Exeter).

The Rev Penelope West, Curate, Bath Abbey w. St James and Chaplain to the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases (Bath and Wells): to be Vicar, Kewstoke w. Wick St Lawrence, same diocese.

The Rev Fred Woods, Vicar, Warminster Christ Church: to be also Rural Dean of Heytesbury (Salisbury).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Kenneth Belben, Vicar, Great Maplestead and Little Maplestead w. Gestingthorpe (Chelmsford): to retire as from April 17

The Rev Richard Evans, Vicar, Holy Spirit, Southsea (Portsmouth): retired as from November 16, 1994

The Rev Clifford Hendey, Vicar, Alkham w. Capel-le-Ferne and Hougham (Canterbury): to retire as from June 30

The Rev John Hewes, Rector, Lydd (Canterbury): to retire as from March 31

The Rev Roger Spurr, Rector, Stogumber, Nettlecombe and Monksilver (Bath and Wells): to retire as from February 28.

School news

Allhallows College

Term begins today and ends Saturday, April 1. David N. Mackenzie is Captain of Hockey, Miss Alison J. Sparks Captain of Netball. OH Club AGM Saturday, March 25.

Culford School

The Spring Term begins today. Ben Backhouse is the Captain of Boys' Hockey. A Memorial Service for the late Major Tony Prain will take place in the Centenary Hall at 11.00am on Saturday, January 14. The Preparatory School Entrance Examinations will be held on January 21 and 28 and the Senior School Entrance Examinations on February 10 and 11. The musical *Cabaret* will be performed on March 15 - 17. The Old Culfordians' Association Dinner will take place in Culford Hall on Saturday, March 18. The Bishop of St Edmundsbury will conduct the Confirmation Service on Sunday, March 19. Term ends on Friday, March 24.

Edgehill College,
Bideford, Devon

Term begins today and the Entrance Examination for students to the Senior School will be held on Friday, January 20. Edgehill College's annual Charity Week will begin on Monday, January 30, with the proceeds this year going to Guide Dogs for the Blind. The Sixth Form Science Conference will be held on Friday, March 3, and the Careers Convention on Friday, March 10. The Junior Department's Drama Festival will run from Monday to Wednesday, March 20-22, and the Senior School's production of *The Pirates of Penzance* from Thursday to Saturday, March 23 to 25. Term ends on Friday, March 31.

Eton College

Eton College opens today for the Lent Half. There are 1264 boys in the School. A.G. Sheikh KS is Captain of the School and R.J. Dunlop OS Captain of the Oppidans.

The examination for Junior Scholarships will be held on February 4 and that for Sixth Form Scholarships on February 10 and 11. The Business Conference starts on February 13, and Long Leave will be from February 16 to 20.

There will be services of Confirmation in College Chapel, conducted by the Visitor, the Bishop of Lincoln, on March 11 and 12.

School closes on March 22.

Giggleswick School

Easter Term began on January 9 and in the first week the School will host a Performing Arts Party from Wesley College, Australia. Ashley Caton and Kaeti Strickland continue as Heads of School, the visiting Business Fellow will be Mr Harry Williamson. Scarrig will be run on January 14 and the Motor Racing Scholarship will be decided at Donington on January 15. Jon Silkin will give a Poetry Reading on February 11; the Individual Music Competition will take place on February 12. On March 5, Diana Lamplugh will talk on "Personal Safety". At the end of term, the Cavendish History Society will tour the World War One Battlefields; the Rugby Seven will compete in the National Schools' Seven at Rosslyn Park. The Old Giggleswickians will hold their London Dinner in the House of Commons on March 8 and their Annual Dinner at School, at which the Chief Guest will be the retiring Second Master, Mr Warwick Brookes, will be on March 18. Those wishing to attend either function, please contact the School. Any Old Giggleswickians not in regular contact with the School are asked to write to the Headmasters' Secretary, Giggleswick School, Settle, North Yorkshire, BD24 0DE.

Harrogate Ladies' College

Harrogate Ladies' College re-opens today for the Spring Term. Entrance tests for September 1995 take place on January 16. The choir will sing Evensong in Manchester Cathedral on February 10 and perform Stainer's *Crucifixion* at St Wilfrid's Church, Harrogate, on March 26. There will be 4 performances of *Under Milk Wood* on March 24, 25, 26, 27. The Scottish Open Lacrosse Tournament is on February 25 and the All England Schools' Lacrosse Tournament is on March 7. The Ski Trip to Austria will leave on February 12 and the trip to Normandy on March 28. The Challenge of Europe Conference for Sixth Formers commences on January 30. Half term is from February 11-19, and term ends on March 31.

Moulsford Preparatory School

The Spring Term begins at Moulsford Preparatory School today. The Head Boy is James Williamson, Captain of Rugby is Julian Starmer-Smith and Head Chorister, Henry Parker. The Moulsford Sevens Tournament takes place on Sunday, March 5, and the School Play will be performed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 23, 24 and 25. Term ends on Wednesday, March 29.

Queen Anne's School,
Caversham, Reading

Spring Term begins today and finishes on Friday, March 24. The Bishop of Reading will be conducting the Confirmation Service on Sunday, February 12. There will be a Fashion Show on Friday, March 10, and performances of *Elijah* with Shiplake College on March 17 and 18.

Rosemead School

Term begins at Rosemead today. Natasha Malby is Head Girl with Margaret Chum as her Deputy. The Special Old Rosemeadian Reunion to celebrate 80 years of Rosemead is on May 13, 1995, at the Runnymeade Hotel. Applications for tickets as soon as possible please. Telephone 01903 716065.

Woldingham School

The Spring Term begins at Woldingham School today. Alice O'Sullivan continues as Head Girl. Term ends on March 31.

University news

Cambridge

Selwyn College

Elected to a Fellowship and College Lectureship in Russian from October 1, 1995:

Andrew William Michael Reynolds, BA.

Stirling

Personal Chair

The university has awarded a personal chair to Dr Nicholas Price, a biochemist in the department of Biological and Molecular Sciences

Kent

Promotions and appointments

Dr P.A. Clarkson, Reader in Differential Equations, Department of Mathematics, Exeter University, appointed to the Chair in Mathematics from April 1.

Professor P.J. Brown, Professor of Mathematical Sciences, Department of Statistics and Computational Mathematics, Liverpool University, appointed to the Pfizer Chair in Medical Statistics from April 1.

Dr Richard Jones, Senior Lecturer in Chemistry, to be reader in Polymer Chemistry, from October 1, 1994

Dr Robert Newport, Senior Lecturer in Condensed Matter Physics, to be Reader in Material Physics, from October 1, 1994

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Your nation is brought to ruin: want of knowledge has been the ruin of my people. As *you have forsaken the teaching of God, so will I, your God, forsake your children.* Hosea 4 : 5,6 (REB)

BIRTHS

BURKE - Jack Sidney born at The Portland Hospital to proud parents Saskia and Paul, on 5th January 1995.

CARR - On Saturday 31st December 1994, to Emma (née Stevens) and Steven, a son, George Jonathan Bentley.

CROZIER - On Wednesday 28th December 1994, to Rawdon and Kate (née Lyon-Smith), a son, Jack.

DARWIN - On 6th January, to Lucy (née Vinson) and Andrew, a son, Oscar Henry.

HAMER - On 6th January, to Gabrielle (née Williams) and Andrew, a daughter, Nancy Catherine Josephine, a sister for Samuel.

HILLS - On January 5th, to Liliane (née Levasseur) and Jonathan, a son, Alasdair.

HISSEY - On 27th December 1994, to Yvonne (née Stanton) and Robert, a beautiful daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth, a little sister for Matthew.

KING - On Tuesday 27th December 1994, at Huntingdon Hospital, Cambs., to Ruth (née Higgins) and Christopher, a treasured daughter, Chloe Jennifer.

LOVEYS JERVOISE - On January 4th 1995, in Devon, to Margaret (née Welch) and Anthony, a daughter, Elizabeth Antonia.

NEWTON - On Friday January 6th 1995, at Walnut Creek, California, to Loveday (née House) and John, a son, Michael John.

PEARSE - On January 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Angela (née Neal) and John, a daughter, Katherine Alice Rombulow, a sister for William and Thomas.

ROBERTS - On Tuesday January 3rd 1995, to Emma and Tim, a daughter, Martha Jane.

RUTTLE - On January 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Fiona (née Mitchell-Innes) and Stephen, a son, David Timothy Mayo, a brother for Emma, James and Bethia.

SHARPE - On January 8th, to Lisa (née Clanville) and Andrew, a son, Milo Richard Darwen, a brother for Harry.

WESTCOTT - On 7th January 1995 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Sara (née Paterson-Brown) and David, a daughter, Hebe Jean, a sister to Peter.

BIRTHS

WILLIAMS - On Friday 6th January 1995, to Jennie (née Storr) and Richard, a beautiful daughter, Eleanor Jane Radway.

WILSON - On 6th January 1995 at the Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion, Edinburgh, to Elizabeth (née Colwell) and Grant, a son, James Grant Moore, a brother for Melissa.

DEATHS

ANDERSON - Oliver Duncan on 5th January, in Nottingham, aged 54. Funeral private.

ARCHER - On 7th January 1995, peacefully in her own home, Dorothy, wife of Tom and mother of Peter and Geoffrey. Much loved. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Nunton, Salisbury, on Friday 20th January at 12 noon. Family flowers only please.

BAINBRIDGE - On 9th January in hospital after a sudden illness, Eric Bainbridge O.B.E. Much loved husband of Audrey, father of Paul, Michael and David and grandfather of James and Douglas. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at St Thomas' Church, Lymington, on 13th January at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, for Emmanuel International may be sent c/o F.W. House and Sons, F/D, Lymington, Hampshire.

ROBERT NESBITT
1906-1995

NESBITT - MR ROBERT NESBITT Theatrical Director
Died suddenly in Paris on 3rd January 1995.
Dearly beloved husband of Iris.
Cremation, Golders Green Crematorium, Monday 16th January at 12 noon.
No flowers by request.
Donations please, to:
The Entertainment Artist's Benevolent Fund.

BASSET - On 3rd January, Col. R.T. (Dick) M.B.E., M.C. & Bar. The Rifle Brigade (retd.), peacefully in Brighton. Husband of Heather and father of Thurstine and Sarah. Private ceremony.

DEATHS

BAKER - Harold Oliver "Peter". Peacefully on 4th January. Beloved husband of Sonja, dear father of Anne and Daphne. Private family committal service at Swansea Crematorium. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at 3 pm Saturday 14th January at Clyne Church, Blackpill, Swansea. Donations in lieu of flowers to Ty-Olwen Trust Fund c/o Mr A. Worth, D.G. Attwell Funeral Directors, 96 Eaton Road, Brynhyfryd, Swansea SA5 9JH. tel: (0792) 650205

BORYS - On January 8th 1995, at home, Z. Borys, aged 79 years. Former Architect and Town Planner of Nickson Borys and Partners, West Africa, for 40 years. All enquiries to Reynolds Funeral Service, 31 High Street, Bognor Regis, tel: (0243) 864746.

BROTCHIE - On January 9th, peacefully after a long illness, Rona Margaret, late of Singapore and Sydney, adored wife of Kenneth and beloved mother of Christopher and Michael and of her grandchildren Holly, Tori and Rell. The funeral service will take place on Wednesday 18th January 1995 12.30 pm at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, Surrey. Floral tributes to be delivered by 11.30 am on the day of the funeral c/o Lodge Brothers Funeral Directors, 36-38 High Street, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 8AB. tel: (01932) 854758.

BULL - Sir Walter Edward Avenon K.C.V.O. (Ret). peacefully at home after a long illness on Monday 9th January, husband of Moira and father of Anthony. Private funeral. Enquiries to (081) 297-8150.

COLE - On January 3rd, in France, Derwent Davey Cole. Beloved husband of Monica. Burial has taken place.

DEATHS

D'ALESSANDRO - Frances aged 97, peacefully on 7th January, at Epsom General Hospital, wife of the late Luigi, will be sadly missed by family and friends. Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Friday 13th January at 4 pm. Flowers to L. Hawkins & Sons, 2 Highlands Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, tel: (0372) 372436.

DAVIES - Richard, died on 7th January 1995, aged 19 years. After a long illness faced with courage and bravely borne. All are welcome at the funeral at Felsted School Chapel on Friday 13th January at 13.20. Family flowers only, but donations if desired made payable to "London Hospital Medical College" - for Research into Haemophilia/H.I.V. - c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons Ltd., Hatters Lane, Gt. Dunmow, Essex CM6 1XS. tel: (0371) 874518.

DAVIS - On 7th January 1995, following a heart attack, at Epsom General Hospital, Beatrice, wife of the late Leslie Vaughan Davis, great-aunt of Susan Amy, and with many much loved friends and relatives in England and America. Cremation Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Randalls Road, Leatherhead, on Monday January 16th at 12 noon. Flowers to James & Thomas, F/D, MC Road, Cobham, Surrey. tel: (0932) 862009.

DAVIS - On Monday 9th January, Max P. Davis, of Hendon, London, in his 91st year. Deeply mourned by family and friends. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, at 1 pm on Thursday 12th January. No flowers please but donations to North London Hospice, 47 Woodside Avenue, London N12 8TF.

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DEATHS

DE CHAIR - On 6th January peacefully at Charlton Manor, Commander Graham de Chair DSC*, aged 89 years. Devoted husband of Stella and much loved father of Colin, Dudley and Anita. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium at 2 pm on Monday January 16th. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to King George's Fund for Sailors c/o Anita Lockett, Glooster Farm, Swettenham, Congleton, CW12 2LR.

DODD - On 9th January 1995, peacefully in Rose Hill Nursing Home, Dorking, where she has been lovingly cared for, for the past 10 years, Doris May, aged 98. Widow of Noel Johnstone Dodd. Funeral on Thursday, 19th January at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead at 2 pm. Family flowers only please.

ELDER-JONES - On January 3rd 1995, at Kingston Hospital, Virginia Carol, aged 49 years. Much beloved by her father and brother Christopher. Funeral at Cheltenham Crematorium, Bouncers Lane, on Tuesday January 17th at 2.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to Cowley & Son, 12 Black Jack Street, Cirencester.

GILFILLAN - On 8th January 1995, peacefully at the Kirby Grange Residential Home, Botcheston, Leicester, aged 91 years, Wing Commander K.A.B. Gilfillan M.B.E. Funeral Service at the Parish Church of St Michael, Markfield, Leicester, on Monday January 16th at 2.15pm, cremation following at Leicester Crematorium. No flowers please. Donations if wished to the R.A.F. Benevolent Association c/o Ginns and Gutteridge Funeral Directors of Leicester tel: (0533) 516117.

GREEN - Rodney of Killerby Old Hall, on 9th January, aged 54 years. Beloved husband of Jean and father of Jackie and Martin.

GRIST - On January 7th, peacefully at home, after a short illness, Shirley Anstruther, aged 84, devoted wife of the late Lt. Colonel Digby Grist; beloved mother of Robin and Richard and grandmother of Kate, Charles & Harriet, and Matthew & Michael. Funeral Service at St John the Baptist's, New Alresford, at 11 am on Tuesday 17th January followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to Arthritis and Rheumatism Research Council, c/o Wilmot & Co., Fairford, Glos. GL7 4AE.

DEATHS

KINGSFORD-CURRAM - Russell, passed away on 7th January 1995. Husband of Patricia, father to Bridget, Sarah, Christopher and Hannah. Funeral 16th January 11.30 am Dodbrook Church, Kingsbridge, Devon.

LINDSAY-GERMAN - (née Sims) Katherine on Saturday morning 7th January. Born 19th August 1903. Much loved mother of Janet and James, mother-in-law of Elaine, sister of Elizabeth and the late Charles and David and grandmother of Sally, Fiona, Iain and Kirsty. Funeral Service at 11.30 on Friday 13th January at St Peter Church, Powick, Worcester. No flowers please but donations to St Peter Church, and cheques to Powick PCC c/o The Vicarage, Collet Green, Worcester WR2 4RZ.

MAKEPEACE - On January 3rd, at Manormead, Hindhead, Josie, widow of the Reverend Robert Makepeace, mother of Nancy Curtis, Mary Christie, Christopher, and of the late Elizabeth and Tom: grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother, aged 97. The funeral has taken place. Letters to 5 High Street, Bradninch, Exeter EX5 4NJ.

McWILLIAM - On January 8th 1995, at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, Patricia (née Liddelow), beloved wife of the late Patrick McWilliam. Sister of Doreen Potter of Port of Spain, Trinidad, of Aileen Hannell of Bodmin, and Sheila Davies of Liskeard, both Cornwall. Service at Mortonhall Crematorium Edinburgh Pentland Chapel on Saturday 14th January at 11.15 am. Family flowers only, by request, please. Donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation.

MILLS - On January 9th 1995, peacefully at home in her 100th year, Carola Marshall, beloved wife of the late Sir John Mills of Bisterne and much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at Bisterne Church on Friday January 13th at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to The Stable Family Home Trust, Bisterne.

MURRAY WILLIS - On 7th January, peacefully aged 84, Peter. Dearly loved husband of Kay, loving father. Funeral Service at St Mary the Virgin, Hartfield, 2 pm on Monday 16th January.

DEATHS

OGDEN - On January 7th, peacefully in Milton Keynes General Hospital, Barbara Mary, aged 84. Beloved wife of the late Clifford. Funeral Service at Christ Church, South Ashford, Kent, on Wednesday January 18th at 11 am, followed by interment. Flowers and enquiries c/o A.W. Court, Funeral Directors, Brackleigh, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green, Maidstone, Kent, ME17 2AP. tel: (0622) 850840.

PIROUET - On 1st January 1995, suddenly at home in St Saviour, Jersey, Leon George Church, aged 77 years. Beloved husband of Margaret. Loved by all his family. Enquiries to H.W. Maillard & Son Ltd., F/D, tel: (0534) 37291.

PRICE - Katharine Louise Habberley (Katy/Goosey) peacefully at home in Oxford on 8th January 1995 aged 92 years. Much loved Aunt of Mary, Thomas, John and their families. The funeral service will take place on Friday 13th January at 2.45pm in the Memorial Chapel, Oxford Crematorium. Floral tributes or if preferred donations for BSONT may be sent to Reeves & Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford, OX1 4TE.

ROBINSON - Harold George Robert OBE., BSc., FRAeS. Suddenly at home in Camberley. Service at Easthampstead Crematorium, Nine Mile Ride, nr Bracknell at 3.30 on Wednesday 18th January.

SALMON - Marjorie, on 28th December 1994, in her 89th year. Loved mother of Patricia. Funeral private. Thanksgiving, prayers and committal of ashes at the Church of St John the Baptist, Pilton, Somerset, at 11 am on Friday 20th January 1995.

SCARBOROUGH - On 8th January 1995, Elizabeth Mary "Betty" (née Heron) aged 87. Widow of Noel and very greatly loved mother of David, Paul, Elizabeth and the late John, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral 2.30pm 16th January at St Mary the Virgin, Edvin Loach. Flowers to H.H. Handley, Little Hereford Street, Bromyard, Herefordshire.

DEATHS

SHORTIS - Sybil Acheson of Richmond, Surrey, Weybridge and Kensington. Dear aunt of Jane Hunt and Francis Shortis. Peacefully aged 90 at a Westminster nursing home, on Sunday 8th January. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium, Richmond, nr. Kew Garden Station, on Tuesday 17th January at 1 pm. No flowers. Donations to Save the Children or MENCAP.

SLOCOCK - On January 8th 1995, Arthur (Tony) aged 80. Dearest husband of Pippa, much loved father of Noel, Patrick, Michael and Richard and loving stepfather and grandfather. Family cremation at The Exeter & Devon Crematorium Monday January 16th at 11.30 am followed by a service of thanksgiving for family and friends at St Peter's Church, Budleigh Salterton at 2.30pm. Flowers if wished, or, donation in lieu to The Chest, Heart & Stroke Association c/o Palmers Funeral Service, 45 High Street, Budleigh Salterton, Devon EX9 6LF.

STANIER - On 10th January 1995, Brigadier Sir Alexander (Sammy) Stanier Bt. D.S.O.M.C., aged 95, husband of the late Dorothy (née Miller), much loved father and grandfather. Funeral private. Memorial Service to be announced later.

STRAFFORD - (née Lean). Barbara Ann Bevan Strafford has died peacefully. She was the wife of Peter Strafford of New Ash Green in Kent and was dearly loved, not only by her family, but also by her wider family of pupils. Funeral details from T.S. Horlock & Sons Ltd., 11 Station Road, Longfield, Kent DA3 7QD. Tel: 0474 705076, to whom flowers or donations for 'The Lions Hospice' may be sent.

TYERS - Major Ronald Francis (Bobbie), died peacefully in the Nairobi Hospital, Kenya, on 6th January, aged 78 years.

WAECHTER - Lady Philippa (née Twiberrow), peacefully at The White House, Suckley, Worcestershire, on January 8th aged 85 years, after a short illness. Private cremation. A Memorial Service will be held at Suckley Church on Thursday 19th January at 2.30 pm. Donations may be given, if desired, for the Hunt Servants Benevolent Fund. Enquiries to H. Handley Funeral Directors, Bromyard. (01885) 482216.

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WARDROP - Ronald of West Lulworth, Wareham, Dorset, on January 6th 1995, aged 83 years. Beloved brother of Alexander. Funeral Service at Poole Crematorium Monday January 16th at 3pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for the RNLI may be sent to Albert Marsh (Funeral Directors) Ltd., St Michaels Road, Wareham, Dorset BH20 4QU. tel: (0929) 552107.

WILSON - Peacefully at her home in Terrington St Clements, on 8th January 1995, Bunny, much loved wife of the late George Anthony. Funeral Service on Tuesday 17th January 1995 at Mintlyn Crematorium at 10 am. Family flowers only please but if desired donations to St Clement's Church Restoration Fund may be made at the service or sent to W. Bailey & Son. tel: (0945) 584762.

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OBITUARIES

PRINCE SOUPHANOUVONG

Prince Souphanouvong, former Pathet Lao leader and President of Laos, 1975-86, died on January 9 aged 82. He was born in Luang Prabang in 1912.

ARISTOCRAT turned left-wing revolutionary, Prince Souphanouvong played a leading role in the struggle to expel the French from Laos in the late 1940s and early 1950s. Though not himself really a convinced Communist at that time, rather a romantic type of revolutionary, Souphanouvong, as leader of the Pathet Lao guerrilla movement, found himself enlisting help from the Vietnamese against the French and was later in conflict with the Americans.

Subsequently he played a role in various administrations under his US-backed half-brother, Souvanna Phouma who, as Prime Minister, presided over a number of fragile coalition regimes, all of which dwelt in the shadow of the escalating conflict in neighbouring Vietnam.

With the end of the Vietnam War in 1974 and the establishment of a Communist People's Democratic Republic in Laos, Souphanouvong, dubbed the Red Prince because of his royal blood and left-wing leanings, was given the largely honorary office of President.

Souphanouvong was a son of Prince Boun Khong, "Viceroy" of the Kingdom of Luang Prabang. After taking a civil engineering degree in Paris he served in the Public Works Service in French Indo-China from 1938 to 1945. During these years he married his Vietnamese wife.

On the Japanese surrender he was flown by United States agents to Hanoi for a meeting with Ho Chi Minh and after the proclamation of Laotian independence he was appointed Foreign Minister and Commander-in-Chief in the provisional government. He thus became the principal organiser of Laotian resistance to the return of the French.

In March 1946, in an encounter between his forces and the French, he was wounded and escaped to Thailand from where he continued to direct harassment of the French. However, when he later met other Laotian freedom leaders in Bangkok, he was alone in advocating that the Lao Issra, the Laotian freedom movement, should combine with the pro-Communist Vietminh resistance movement of Vietnam and in 1949 was expelled from the provisional government.

Souphanouvong fled to join the Vietnamese military leader General Giap and, as the leader of the Pathet Lao, the Laotian resistance movement newly formed with the backing of the Vietnamese, was with Giap when he conducted his diversionary invasion of Laos in the spring of 1953. Souphanouvong set up a Lao Resistance Government and, although this was never recognised even by Hanoi and Peking, took over control of the Laotian province of Phong Saly.

After the Geneva Agreement of 1954 which partitioned Vietnam, the Pathet Lao rapidly regrouped in their stronghold in Sam Neua, near the Vietnamese border; but the negotiations for a political settlement dragged on for three more years and lapsed when a right-wing government under American influence was installed in the Laotian capital, Vientiane.

However, in 1957 Souphanouvong went to Vientiane and after taking an oath of allegiance to the King, his cousin, he was made Minister of Planning in a coalition government under his half-brother Souvanna Phouma.

He next founded the Neo Lao Haksat (Lao Patriotic Group), a political party emanating from the Pathet Lao, and in a climate of increasing support for Pathet Lao within the country this won 19 out of the 20 seats in the supplementary elections to the National Assembly in May 1958. But three months later, as the result of another swing to the right under American pressure, the government of Souvanna Phouma was toppled and Souphanouvong was imprisoned.

A year later he escaped and after a four-month trek reached the Pathet Lao's Sam Neua stronghold. From there he directed the Pathet Lao in its guerrilla operations.

But in 1962 Souvanna Phouma was able to form a new administration which included Pathet Lao as well as neutralist and right-wing elements. In this, Souphanouvong became a Vice-Premier and Minister of Economic Planning. But the fragile coalition was doomed to failure because of the widening conflict in Vietnam. Vietnamese Communists seeking to protect the Ho Chi Minh supply trail running through eastern Laos backed the Pathet Lao while the United States supported right-wing elements in the Vientiane government. Souphanouvong again withdrew to the Pathet Lao strongholds against which, in 1964, Souvanna Phouma authorised strikes by American aircraft.

It was the prelude to general chaos which was to last for a number of years. In this period it became evident that Souphanouvong was not really in control of Pathet Lao operations. He became simply a figurehead and when, in the wake of the Vietnam War, the Pathet Lao seized power in Laos in 1975 it was clear that his appointment as President in the new People's Democratic Republic was a largely ceremonial one. He retired in 1986.

KATHLEEN TYNAN

Kathleen Tynan, writer and widow of Kenneth Tynan, died yesterday from cancer aged 57. She was born on January 25, 1937.

NO HUSBAND could have wished for a more dedicated amanuensis and torch-bearer than Kenneth Tynan found in Kathleen Halton. In both her biography and in the volume of his letters she published just two months ago, Kathleen managed to burnish the already glittering reputation of an *enfant terrible*, an undertaking that consumed all the energy she could muster during the last few months of her life when, though she looked more fragile than ever, she never betrayed even to close friends the extent of her illness.

Ken Tynan was smitten in a trice: "Who are you?" he asked when he saw the 25-year-old Kathleen, a journalist, in the office of the arts editor of *The Observer* in 1962, while delivering his weekly theatre review. He decided he must marry her — despite the fact that both were already married, Kathleen only six months before, and despite the fact he was at the time accompanied by his mistress Tsai Chin. But marry her he did, and it was a dazzling match.

Kathleen Halton was born in London, the daughter of Canadian parents. Her adored father, Matthew Halton of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, was noted during the Second World War for his dispatches from the front, when Kathleen was evacuated to Vancouver.

She attended Queen's College Harley Street, and first met Tynan fleetingly at a debs' party in a London mews flat in 1954. In her day at St Clare's Hall, Oxford, where she read an external London degree in English, she was seen as something of a Zuleika Dobson figure and was photographed by the young Tony Armstrong-Jones. In her last year the historian Raymond Carr told her that Oliver Gates was "the nicest and cleverest undergraduate he had recently come across." Though deeply uncertain of her feelings, she married Gates in 1962 at Hampstead Parish Church.

Shortly afterwards the secret meetings with Tynan began, followed by more public meetings including one at Orson Welles's villa, where the great man appeared with a macaw on his shoulder. Later Tynan divorced the American writer Elaine Dundy and married Kathleen in 1967: Marlene Dietrich was their matron of honour. Tynan had decided he did not like girls who had to get up in the morning, so Kathleen willingly gave up her day job. Their first party, which was attended by Gore Vidal and Marlon Brando, was so quintessentially of the Swinging Sixties that Antonioni (who had lurked in a corner) said it was exactly the image he wanted to capture in his film, *Blow-Up*.

During their 16 years together the Tynans managed to ricochet — on little visible income — between Paris and Andalusia, New York and Mexico, pursuing what Tynan regarded as the important things, the pleasures of loving and living, despite having two small children and Tynan's various journalistic projects. "It was the Sixties," Kathleen explained. "One could wing it."

The marriage began to flounder when Tynan succumbed to his restless need for sado-masochistic sex and went off with a compliant lover, as Kathleen later recounted with stoic acceptance. Kathleen had by then begun to find her own niche as a writer of screenplays such as *Agatha* (1978), the film in which Vanessa Redgrave played Agatha Christie, and later of novels, and sanctuary in a love affair with the writer and oarsman Dan Topolski.

Tynan died with his family present in Santa Monica, California, in 1980, after which Kathleen began the herculean task of sorting out his extraordinary life for her astonishingly objective and much lauded biography of her husband, *The Life of Kenneth Tynan* (1987) and — as well as his tangle of debts — his enormous legacy of letters, an invaluable archive of 20th-century artistic life which were finally sold to the British Library last year. "It is an odd business to turn sleuth on one's husband" she wrote, but she was "a passionate sleuth", exhuming with affection a complex personality who, unusually, was not one whit diminished by her perceptive and exacting scrutiny.

Kathleen Tynan was one of London's best party-givers, the red drawing room at Thurloe Square being regularly filled with gatherings of literati. Only last summer she gave the last of her parties, the bookshelves emptied and symbolically draped with shrouds of muslin and empty picture frames. She moved out of the house she had shared with Tynan and into a small flat in Notting Hill, declaring that she was living like a student again and that her services to the Tynan industry were finished. But she was still working on a screenplay for Martin Scorsese about the life of Louise Brooks, the silent movie star of the 1920s by whom her husband had been besotted. She had latterly spent much of her time in Los Angeles, sharing a house with her good friend Shirley Maclaine, who was with her in London at Christmas.

She is survived by her daughter and son.

CARLOS MONZON

Carlos Monzon, world middleweight boxing champion, 1970-77, died on January 8 in a car accident near his home in Santa Fé, Argentina, aged 52. He was born on August 7, 1942.

A FIGHTER who defended his world middleweight title a record 14 times, retiring undefeated, Carlos Monzon must be ranked among the best-ever at the weight. Yet, although reckoned in his native Argentina to be one of his country's great sporting properties, Monzon did not somehow generate the publicity in Britain and in America that other, lesser South American boxers have done.

Why this should have been so is not easy to say. Perhaps it was because only one of his championship fights was in the United States, although he was popular in Europe. In some quarters he was not credited with being a hard puncher. But this tended to be a verdict given from a safe distance. For example, Britain's middleweight champion in the early 1970s, Bunny Sterling, who at one time fancied his chances against Monzon, once described him as "flapping about" from the evidence of film. But Monzon's apparently lazy, long left jab was deceptive. Although it appeared to drift rather than snap into the faces of opponents, it arrived on its target with poleaxing force.

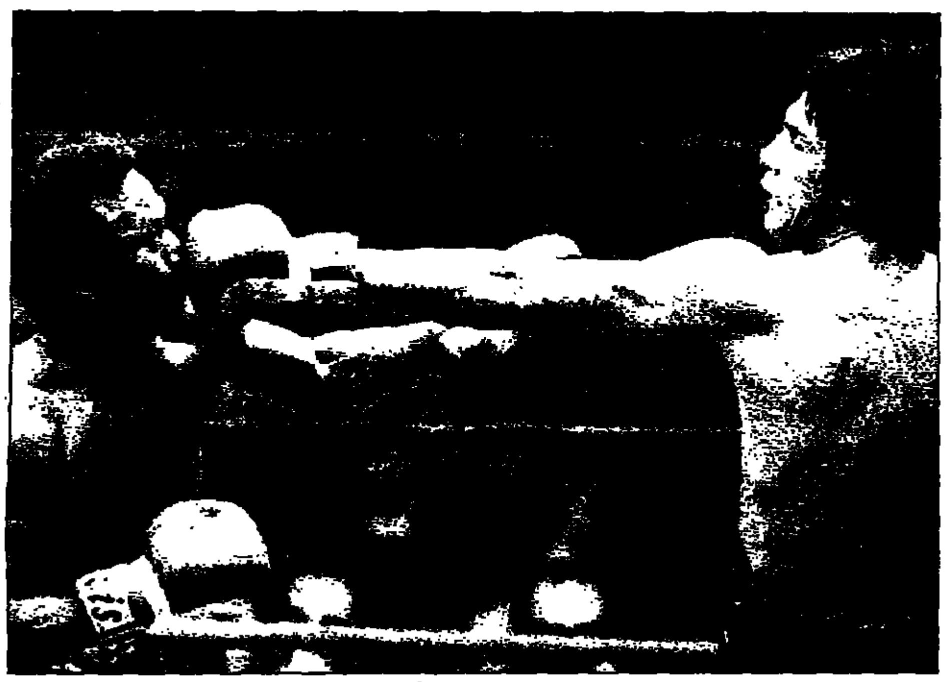
Monzon's achievements inside the ropes tended to be overshadowed by the colourful life he conducted outside them. His career as a bit-part actor in steamy movies finally ended when he was jailed in 1989 for the murder of his third (common law) wife.

Born in Santa Fé, Argentina, into a large family, Carlos Monzon had a turbulent early life, most of it lived on the fringes of crime. Nevertheless, he avoided prison and took up professional boxing at the age of 21. He won the Argentine national title by outpointing Jorge Fernandez over 12 rounds.

He announced himself as a sensation to the wider world in 1970 in his first tilt for world honours against the reigning middleweight champion, Nino Benvenuti of Italy, in the cauldron of a Rome boxing ring. Benvenuti, who had won the crown from the formidable Emile Griffith and had never been off his feet in 88 pro fights, was confidently expected by the home crowd to see off this latest challenge from a virtual unknown. The result, a knockout of the local hero by Monzon in the 12th, was mortifying in the extreme, with enraged fans leaping into the ring to attack the referee — though what the referee could have done to help the Italian idol to defend himself against the wicked jabs and left hooks with which Monzon had sapped his strength over the previous 40 minutes, was difficult to see.

In the event, when Benvenuti got the chance to salvage his honour in the following year, in Monte Carlo, the result was even more decisive. On that occasion a third round surrender by his seconds, when Benvenuti was on hands and knees, persuaded the Italian to retire from the ring.

Most of Monzon's defences were against opponents of the highest class. Jean-Claude Bouttier and Emile Griffith both went down to KO defeats by him. Jose Napoles of Mexico, the very fine world welterweight champion, was at least expected to give Monzon some problems on account of his speed, when he stepped up a division to challenge for the middleweight crown in 1974. But Napoles never found a way past Monzon's pulverising jab, and what at the outset had promised a better than usual challenge by a "good littl'un" to a "good big'un" ended with Napoles pounded into submission and failing to answer the bell for the seventh.



Monzon, right, deploying his famed long left jab against Jose Napoles of Mexico in their world middleweight championship fight in 1974

Monzon's most bruising battles were his two against the Colombian Rodrigo Valdez. Valdez already held a version of the middleweight title, the World Boxing Council having — astonishingly — decided that Monzon was not busy enough in its defence, and stripped him of its share of it. Monzon eventually caught up with Valdez to banish the absurd illusions created by this piece of organisational opportunism, in Monte Carlo in 1976. The fight went 15 rounds but Monzon was the clear victor, having dropped Valdez in the 14th. Monzon was himself on the floor on their return meeting in the following year, but picked himself up to thrash Valdez over a gruelling 15 rounds.

By that time, with nothing else to prove in the ring, Monzon retired. A grateful Valdez seized his chance to regain his title, with his most dangerous opponent out of the way.

Monzon's ring career brought him celebrity in his native land. He had started acting in films before retiring from the ring and continued a career in the cinema afterwards. If this was an affair of no great distinction it at least helped to keep the family coffers topped up.

But Monzon's tempestuous nature militated against an unalloyed enjoyment of his wealth. In the 1970s he was sentenced to six months' jail for battering his first wife, Beatriz Garcia, but was later pardoned. His second marriage, to an actress, Susanna Gimenez, escaped the attention of the courts. But in 1988 he was arrested and charged with the murder of his common law wife, Alicia Muniz, a ballerina, after a violent argument during which they had both fallen from the balcony of the house where they lived with their young son.

Even in a machismo country like Argentina — where at that time domestic brutality was taken for granted and there was not a single refuge for battered women — Monzon stoked nascent fires of feminism with the arrogance of the comments he made after his arrest: "I insulted and beat my wife, but it can't seriously have harmed her because I beat all my women and nothing ever happened to them."

During the trial it emerged, however, that the boxer's wife had suffered severe neck injuries before the pair fell over the balcony of their home. Convicted of the "non-aggravated murder" of his spouse, Monzon was sentenced to 11 years in jail. He was driving back to prison in Buenos Aires after a period out on parole when he was involved in his fatal car accident.

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Whether those convicted of such offences as wife-beating or crimes against children should receive corporal punishment were questions that came up at Quarter Sessions after the Home Secretary had referred to "crimes of violence of frightful frequency and of a very savage character".

CRIMES OF VIOLENCE

In charging the Grand Jury at the East Suffolk Quarter Sessions on Friday, Lord Waveney, who presided, said,—" Attention has been drawn of late in other parts of this country to the prevalence of crimes of violence of frightful frequency and of a very savage character. A communication has been addressed by Her Majesty's Secretary, requesting certain information and suggestions. In the reply I was authorised to make by the magistrates sitting in this division, I was to say that we thought it right that where the brutal nature is so far developed that the ordinary slow processes of punishment do not tend to lessen the crime, a rapid and sharp punishment should be inflicted; and, much as we respect what is called the sanctity of the human body, still it appeared to us in cases of this kind that corporal punishment is a fitting preliminary to the other punishment that may be awarded by the law . . .

Lord Dudley, presiding at the Worcestershire Quarter Sessions, and referring to the communication of the Home Secretary as to whether the Court were of opinion that corporal punishment should be administered to wife-beaters, said he confessed that for one, and he believed many others endorsed the sentiment, he was very much astonished that the Government did not take such a question in hand themselves as a matter of good government, without waiting for an expression of opinion from the various Courts of Quarter Sessions throughout the country. He did not for one moment say that it was not right to consult the feelings of the public upon questions affecting their interests: but in the present instance, where even the lives of Her Majesty's subjects were in danger, he would ask if it was right to allow men to be knocked down in the public streets and brutally kicked to death, while the officials at the head of affairs received returns from the country as to what should be done?

At the Durham Quarter Sessions held on Thursday, the Chairman, Mr. John Lloyd Wharton, drew attention to an anomaly of the law which, he thought, required some amendment. A prisoner was charged on Tuesday with indecency before children. Besides sending him to prison, they availed themselves of a provision of the Vagrancy Act, and ordered him to be flogged with the cat-o'-nine-tails. The same man was brought before the magistrates in 1870 for the same offence. Here came the anomaly, which he wished they could get rid of. They could order a man to be flogged for indecent conduct, but not for violating a child. He did not advocate an increase of punishment by the lash, but thought it applicable in assaults on children.

At the Newcastle Quarter Sessions, held on Friday, Mr. Digby Seymour, Q.C., the Recorder, spoke at some length upon the question of flogging. He said we had abolished public executions, and the solemnity and silence with which the sentence was now executed added to its warning effect. He did not think the same reasoning applied to flogging. To inflict corporal punishment within the walls of a prison was to diminish its salutary effect. He would provide, if he had the power, that the punishment of flogging for robberies with violence should be inflicted in the presence of those persons who would probably be the only persons attracted thither. Punishment by the lash was a degrading punishment, and could only be justified by something exceptionally brutal in the crime. In 1872 there was a good deal of discussion on this subject at the international prison congress assembled in London. Their records showed that England was the only civilised country in the world, certainly in Europe, in which punishment by the lash was sanctioned by the Legislature.

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BRENDA MADDOX

Far be it for me to say a word against Sir (or saint) David Attenborough. Through his natural history films, he has probably given more pleasure to more millions across the face of the globe than any other single person in the history of television with the exception of Oprah Winfrey. Starting tonight in a new six-part BBC series, he lifts the veil on one corner of nature that even he has neglected: plant life.

But is it "science"? Advance publicity suggests that what we are about to receive is a massive dose of anthropomorphism. Ascribing human characteristics to the animal kingdom may not be inappropriate in a week which has seen a national outcry over the conditions of calves in crates and none whatsoever over men in cells. But the "private life" of plants?

The *Radio Times*'s titillating cover would do credit to a tabloid newspaper. "SHOCK!", it giggles, beside a photograph of the famous head grinning through thick foliage over an obscenely pink stamen: "Seaweed the size of trees". "HORROR! Attack of the strangler figs." And "SCANDAL! Watch an orchid get her man."

I had hoped that these were just understandable excesses of a periodical determined to stay near the top of Britain's weekly best-sellers. Alas. Sir David has publicly conceded that he is anthropomorphising. Plants *behave*, he is now convinced. He cheerfully defends the speed-up photography that makes brambles appear to grab and grope, rather than just grow.

Sir David, it's a fair bet, will fill his assignment with his scientific reputation intact. He sports, as well as a handsome face and husky voice, an FRS after his name. But he ought to consider that his skills may be conveying a Disneyesque vision of Earth, on which animals, and even plants, are just like us, except nicer.

The universal appeal of wildlife programmes illustrates the larger problem of conveying science on television. Medicine and health are vastly over-represented among programme topics. The process of scientific inquiry and developments in engineering are correspondingly given short shrift.

Getting the balance right causes a lot of worry for those at the BBC and Channel 4, broadcasters which accept a duty to put regular science series on the screen. (ITV doesn't even try any more.)

Given their good intentions, the BBC and Channel 4 nonetheless should not be let off lightly. Too often, as Nick Ross suggested in a session on science at the Edinburgh Television Festival last September, these programmes are masquerading as science, not science itself. Many other critics, over the past year, have accused science producers of pandering to animism, of serving up stories on ghosts, hypnosis, out-of-body experiences, the Bermuda Triangle and UFOs, all under the guise of "science". On Monday night, Channel 4's *Beyond Love* even loaded necrophilia, autoerotic asphyxia and self-mutilation onto its science flagship, *Equinox*.

A few years back the Royal Society set up COPUS, the Committee for the Public Understanding of Science, to try to raise the standard of science broadcasting. Since 1985, the Ciba Foundation has run a Media Resources Service, which journalists across Europe can phone to find an expert who can provide reliable information on a scientific news story.

Professor Lewis Wolpert, chairman of COPUS, and himself a fine television performer, believes that programmes have improved considerably. Nonetheless, last year he refused to appear in Horizon's series, *Heretics*, on scientific mavericks, on the grounds that it was in fact anti-science. He thinks science is better served by series written and presented by a scientist, such as Steve Jones's forthcoming BBC TV programmes on genetics, than by magazine programmes written by producers.

In recent months the BBC has tried hard on its popular science programmes. *Tomorrow's World* and *QED*, to be less gee-whiz and to present harder science and longer items. And even *Horizon*, a model of its genre, continues to flirt with anti-science. Its *Close Encounters* on November 28 gave much time to people who believe they have been abducted by aliens and much less to the dull conclusions of the British psychologist that none of the fantasies could be supported by fact.

The paranormal also got undue respect on Radio 4's *Science Now* last week, with an inquiry into the physical properties of ghosts: how might they pass through walls laced with electricity wires? By what means do they they chill the room when they appear?

You may think a little blurring of the boundaries does not matter, in a decade in which a doctorate in physics has about as much market value as one in mythology. But in fact, to quote Professor Wolpert, "It does matter terribly".

Science is the basic intellectual endeavour of the modern world, and science programmes which try hard to accommodate the disbelievers in the audience do a public disservice, by suggesting that science is just another point of view, a collection of opinions by a self-interested minority.

So what is the well-intentioned science producer to do? Have faith in the pulling power of the mystery of the universe and in the intelligence of the audience. They do not need interstellar space to be made personally relevant. Convey science as a process of investigation and consensus on what can be known about the real world. Resist programmes on Siamese twins, and leave debates about the supernatural to religious programmes.

At Edinburgh, the struggling practitioners of science programmes consoled each other that science is the most difficult subject to convey on TV. It's not. Economics is harder. There too, anthropomorphism is dragged in — "The pound had a bad day but rallied in late afternoon" — but to little avail. The subject is unphotographable.

The week the world turned upside down

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Until last Monday, these words looked like a typical piece of brave face from a humiliated star. But the surprise resignation of Jeremy Sinclair, the temporary acting chairman, and Bill Muirhead and David Kershaw, American and British heads of the Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising World Wide chain, has changed all that.

Now, as morale within the agency slumps, alongside a still falling share price, suddenly Mr Saatchi's last words have taken on a new meaning. In one fell swoop, the tables have been turned. All the talk now is of a Saatchi-led or orchestrated bid to regain control of his old agency.

Asked what they would be doing now if they were in the shoes of Charlie Scott, Saatchi plc's chief executive, three rival agency chiefs used the same word: "panic".

Maurice Saatchi may not have had half the amount of contact with clients as has recently been made out — the odd lunch with the odd chairman here and there — but he is "an extraordinary, well-connected businessman", says David Wethey, managing director of Agency Assessments, which advises clients on their relationships with agencies.

Mr Wethey adds that one of the key factors in Mr Saatchi's business success is his audaciousness. PR-hyped resignations like his are perfect for flushing out any potential backers for a bid, which, it is noted, would conveniently bypass the contractual obstacles which bar former lieutenants Sinclair, Muirhead, and Kershaw working for rivals.

Mr Scott, since yesterday also acting chairman, is now working overtime to reassure clients and stop the exodus of key staff. The official line is that a business with 8,000 clients worldwide "does not depend on three people".

But that ignores the fact that the London agency, with which all three are closely associated, has recently been the jewel in Saatchi & Saatchi's crown, winning new business worth more than £100 million, compared with losses of less than £4 million. This is nearly twice as much as its nearest rival in the new business stakes, Abbott Mead Vickers.

The danger is now that many of Saatchi's less high-profile but none the less valuable clients, such as ICI, Trafalgar House, Allied Breweries, Burger King, British Sugar, Anchor Foods, Dixons or Toyota UK, will defect. They have as much reason to be alarmed as global players like Procter & Gamble and Mars, but find it easier to move: the big names are remarkably restricted in their choice. Most comparatively large agencies are closely tied to rivals like Unilever or Nestlé.

Mr Scott's biggest advantage is inertia. Clients rarely show much interest in the way agencies are run, and the last thing they want to do is to change existing ad campaigns, find new people to trust and build new relationships. Most of them are lying low, waiting to see how the whole saga develops. That gives Mr Scott time to stop the flow of bad news and get back on an even keel.

Lyndy Payne of the Advertising Agency Register, an organisation that helps advertisers to choose agencies, says that the whole episode shows that Saatchi's dominant shareholders do not understand the intricacies and delicacies of client/agency relationships.

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It is precisely these relationships which are critical for clients like Sir Colin Marshall, chairman of British Airways, who credit Maurice Saatchi and his London agency colleagues for commercials such as the "Manhattan" campaign which helped to bring the company back from the dead.

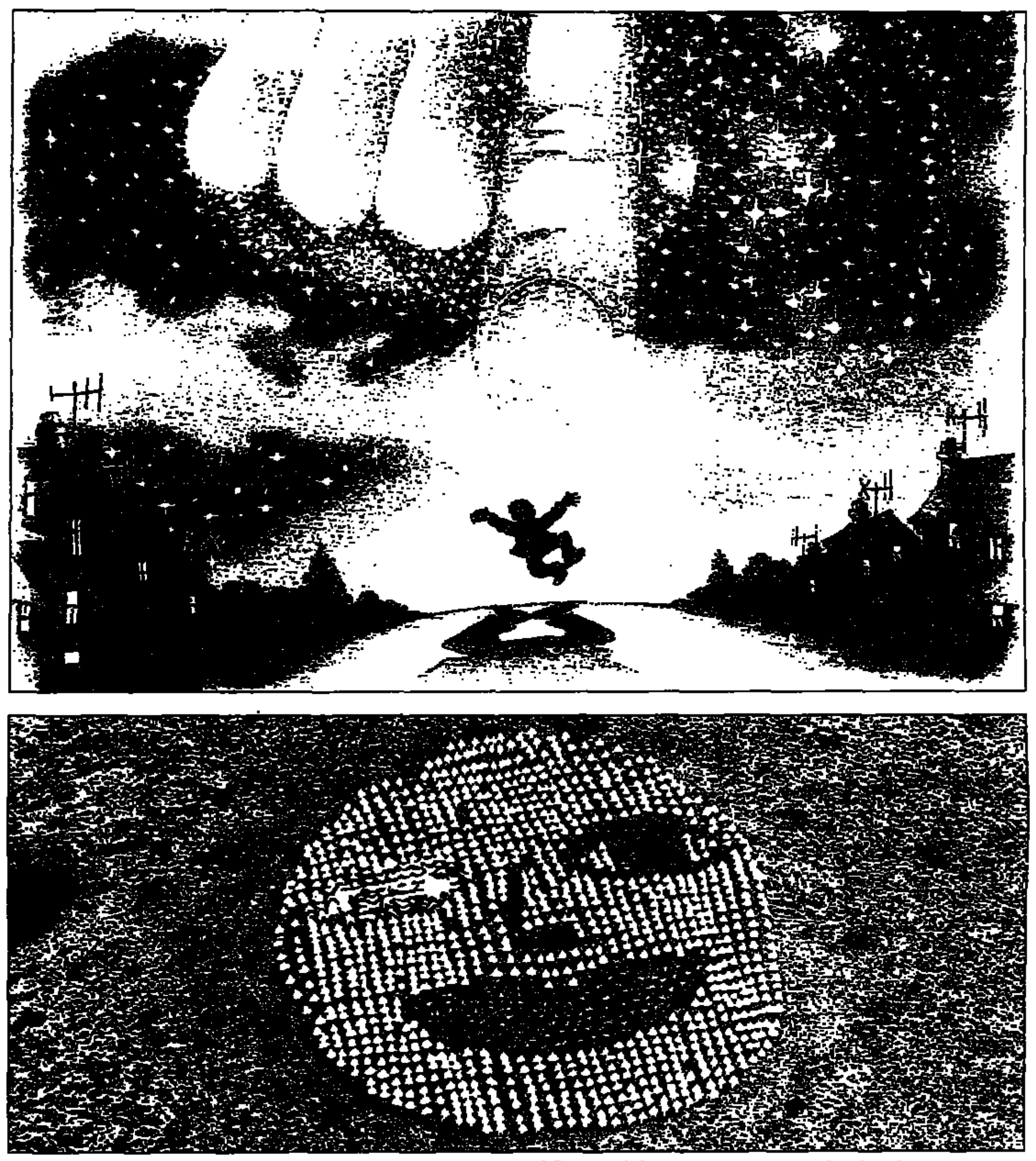
The marketing director of one large Saatchi client, who asked not to be named, says: "This is a fundamental battle about the purpose of business. Is it to serve customers or shareholders?

"If you can't find a way of serving both, there won't be a business." Saatchi's shareholders, he suggests, have ignored the clearly expressed views of clients, and "they do so at their peril". Over the longer term, he suggests, important business will follow the people who have left. "It will be a classic business school study of what happens when an organisation doesn't serve its customers' needs."

Shareholders, of course, point to the fact that under Maurice Saatchi's chairmanship the business lost 98 per cent of its stock market value: arrogant prima donnas may bleat, but the price of being publicly quote is being subject to the discipline of the market.

One effect is to reopen a long-running debate within adland: should agencies go public in the first place? No, says Robin Wight, the WCRS chief executive, who took his agency to the stock market in the mid 1980s. "It was the biggest mistake we ever made," he says, because it diverted the agency's attention from serving clients to doing deals and talking to teenage scribblers in the City. Yes, says Peter Mead, joint chairman of the highly successful quoted agency Abbott Mead Vickers. "It is exceedingly patronising to view advertising people as good at pictures and words but not very good at money." The so-called clash between bean counters and creatives is a cliché, and it's not true, he insists.

But the whole episode makes it appear so. Which is why adland is watching the saga with dismay. "People think that what Saatchi does, the whole industry does. It reinforces the stereotype that it is impossible to be a well-run business and be creative," says Rupert Howell, of Howell Henry Caldecott Lury. One senior agency executive, who asked not to be named, agrees. After all the bad press agencies have received, "it is not helpful to have this petty, vindictive behaviour built around egos," he says. "It is not the sort of message we are trying to send to industry."



Saatchi's campaign for the National Lottery (top) and for British Airways, now reviewing its account

The film's the thing at the BBC

Alexandra Frean meets a man with plans to put the Corporation's one-off dramas into our cinemas

George Faber, head of BBC single drama, is brimming with enthusiasm — a rare trait for a BBC chief, these days.

"Every year, the BBC makes a handful of movies that are at least as good as any British films released in the cinema. We should play our part in the renaissance of the British cinema. I would like to make around ten films a year for theatric release," he says.

With this in mind, Faber yesterday announced an ambitious shake-up of his department. In addition to a drive to get more BBC films released in the cinema before they are shown on the small screen, he is creating two new single drama commissioning posts, adding an extra £3 million to the £49 million already earmarked for him to spend on the 1996/7 season.

He is setting up a £1 million fund to give grants of up to £100,000 for new, independent British film-makers. And he is creating 16 new one-hour films by new writers and directors for BBC2 on top of the 36 feature-length films he was already planning for BBCs 1 and 2.

Faber has no illusions that his innovations are going to provide a solution to the problems besetting BBC1. Nor does he think it will stem criticism of Alan Yentob, controller of BBC1, for losing peak-time audience share to ITV.

On average Faber's Screen One single dramas attract audiences of just six million, about half the figure of the most successful ITV dramas. (Two notable exceptions to this are *Pat and Margaret*, Victoria Wood's bitter-sweet comedy film co-starring Julie Walters, which attracted 10.5 million viewers in November, and Malcolm Bradbury's adaptation of *Cold Comfort Farm*, which was watched by more than nine million on New Year's Day.)

ROBIN MAYES

Faber: ambitious shake-up

He is nevertheless convinced that the BBC's single dramas are vital to the long-term future of the Corporation's series and serials departments as they can provide an invaluable training ground for new writers. Jimmy McGovern and Andrew Davies began their television careers in this way, he says.

As the sole surviving British producer of television single drama, the BBC currently commissions more new writers than any theatre in Britain, Faber says. Each week, he received 50 unsolicited scripts. "Most of them are rubbish, but we make sure they all get read."

Although it is something he takes lightly, Faber, 35, seems perfectly at ease with this responsibility. Having joined the BBC in 1984 as a production trainee (after public school in Wimbledon, a first in English at Cambridge, and a couple of years bumming around Europe) he now feels he has one of the most exciting jobs in the Corporation.

His passion for cinema, sparked when he was a small boy by films like *The Wizard of Oz*, is obvious and his track record is sound. His own film productions for the BBC include *Antonia and Jane*, a comedy which obtained worldwide theatrical release in 1990.

Coming just one week after the writer Andrew Davies criticised the BBC for ordering drama by the yard like "rolls of carpet", Faber's attempts to revitalise his department's output are uncannily well-timed. Looked at in a different light, however, they can also be seen as a long-overdue structural reform.

His plans arise partly from a desire to emulate the huge success Channel 4 has had with films such as *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, but more from a feeling that much BBC talent is going to waste. Although the Films department, under Mark Shivas, invests in five feature films a year, Faber believes there is far more potential within the BBC.

"Screen One films have traditionally been made on a tight production timetable. I am aiming to make films well in advance so that if we want to give them a cinema release we can do so without leaving a hole in the schedule," he says.

The process is already beginning with *Priest*, written by Jimmy McGovern and co-produced by Faber, which will open in UK cinemas in March and around the world in April. It was originally made as a BBC television film.

Faber hopes that the lure of cinema release will also attract star writers and directors to his department as well as bringing in more co-production finance — although it is hard to see the immediate pull of a policy which involves waiting until a production has been completed before deciding whether it deserves to be seen in the cinema.

More attainable, perhaps, is Faber's ambition to boost ratings for Screen One dramas through "event scheduling" or screening individual films at strategic moments instead of tying them into a regular slot. Such a policy will require greater cooperation from both BBC channel controllers.

Faber is also broadening out the decision-making process by appointing two new executive producers, to commission films for both channels.

What many in the film industry would like to see from the BBC, however, is a move away from the traditional culture of "auteurism", the supremacy of the writer, and more weight given to the individuality of the director. This will be one of Faber's biggest challenges.

THE TIMES TV TOP 20: RELIGIOUS PROGRAMMES vs FEATURE FILMS

December 19 to December 25, 1994

Religious Programmes

	Programme	Date	Time	Channel	Producer	Audience (millions)
1	Carols From King's	Sat 24	17.16	BBC2	BBC North	2.7
2	Carols From Canterbury	Sat 24	23.20	ITV	Peter Williams TV Int	2.3
3	Songs Of Praise	Sun 25	10.00	BBC1	BBC North	1.9
4	Kiri's Coventry Carols	Sun 25	23.20	ITV	Iambic/NVC/Arts	1.3
5	Christmas Midnight Mass	Sat 24	23.47	BBC1	BBC North	1.3
6	Christmas Matters	Sun 25	11.58	ITV	Roger Bolton Productions	0.8
7	Christmas Morning Service	Sun 25	11.00	ITV	Anglia Television	0.7
8	A Gospel Christmas	Sun 25	11.58	CHA4	IBT/CTVC	0.7
9	Witness: The Morehouse Men	Thu 22	21.01	CHA4	Final Draft Films	0.6
10	Songs Of Praise	Wed 21	13.56	BBC2	BBC	0.4

Feature Films

	Programme	Date	Time	Channel	Producer	Audience (millions)
1	Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves	Sun 25	18.47	BBC1	20th Century Fox	14.3
2	Police Academy 5	Fri 23	20.34	ITV	Warner Brothers Int	10.0
3	Rocketeer	Mon 19	20.02	ITV	Touchstone Pictures	8.2
4	Sleeping Beauty	Sun 25	18.08	ITV	Walt Disney	8.1
5	Dead Again	Sat 24	22.03	BBC1	Paramount	7.1
6	Wayne's World	Tue 20	21.33	BBC1	Paramount	6.9
7	An American Tail: Fievel Goes West	Sat 24	17.32	BBC1	Amblin/Universal	6.6
8	Santa Claus The Movie	Sat 24	14.50	BBC1	Alexander Salkind/Coleah	5.8
9	Mary Poppins	Sun 25	15.12	ITV	Walt Disney	5.7
10	Wild Cats	Sat 24	20.10	ITV	Warner Brothers Int	5.6

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Today is day 15 of *The Times* Millennium 2000, which offers readers the opportunity to spend New Year's Eve 1999 crossing the International Dateline to both Fiji and the Cook Islands to see in the new millennium twice. First prize is a 28 day world air cruise for two culminating in New Year 1999 in Fiji and the Cook Islands to join in the festivities. The trip takes in Dubai, Thailand, Singapore, Tucson, Washington and Sydney. It includes helicopter sightseeing over the Fiji Islands and hot-air ballooning over the Arizona desert, and would cost £64,000 to book in 1999.

A second prize of a ten day stay for two in Fiji and the Cook Islands worth up to £7,000 and a third prize of two tickets chosen from any of the millennium party venues available to readers are also on offer.

Should you be unsuccessful in the competition, you can still take part in the festivities by booking the Fiji and Cook Islands trip separately or taking advantage of our selection of deluxe party venues round the world.

You could, for example, celebrate the new millennium in St Petersburg, the former capital of Russia built by Peter the Great to compete with all the great European cities of his time. The city has survived the trauma of revolution and its glories are again accessible to visitors. Commencing December 28 1999, you will stay at the renowned Grand Hotel on Nevsky Prospect. The cost is £1,500 per person now or £35 per month per person for five years.

The parties are the brainchild of The Millennial Foundation, a non profit-making charity which is organising fundraising parties to help specific local charities across the world. In St Petersburg the money will help restore the Hermitage Gallery and fund the Kirov Ballet, which will give a special performance to our partygoers.

CORRECTION. ***Please note that question 11 should have read:*** *When did Mexico cede the state of California to the United States?*

TOKEN 15

Question 15

In which year did Leningrad become St Petersburg again?

To enter the competition collect the 18 tokens and answer the 18 questions which are appearing between December 26 and Saturday January 14. Send the tokens and answers on a separate sheet of paper, stating in not more than 15 words why you would like to join in the celebrations, to: *The Times* Millennium 2000 Competition, 5 Brittons Court, London EC88 6NG. Closing date January 31, 1995. Normal *Times* competition Rules apply.

Details of how to book the millennium gala parties, which appeared last week, will appear again on Saturday. Further information about the parties can be obtained by writing to: Millennium 2000 Ltd, Freepost GW 7623, Glasgow G3 7BR.

THE TIMES TODAY

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11 1995

NEWS

Blair attacks Clause Four rebels

■ Tony Blair fought back fiercely against critics of his plan to rewrite Clause 4 of the Labour constitution saying that they were living in the past.

Furious that the Labour Party's new year offensive had been blunted by a newspaper advertisement purporting to show that more than 30 of its Euro MPs opposed modernisation of the clause. Mr Blair went to Brussels and told his opponents they were "not learning from our history but merely living in it" .... Pages 1, 9, 18, 19

Divorce leads to royal marriage speculation

■ An announcement that Brigadier Andrew Parker Bowles and his wife Camilla, who has had a long-standing affair with the Prince of Wales, are to divorce increased speculation that the Prince's own marriage could end shortly ...... Pages 1, 3, 18

Parkhurst chief goes

The governor of Parkhurst jail has been effectively sacked from his job in the aftermath of the escape of two murderers and an arsonist .... Page 1

Journalist expelled

Britain is expecting a tit-for-tat expulsion of a senior journalist from Moscow, following a Home Office decision to expel a Russian television correspondent accused of spying .... Page 1

Oxbridge club protest

David Butler, the political scientist, has resigned from the United Oxford and Cambridge University Club in protest at its refusal to grant women full membership .... Pages 1, 16

Fishing campaign

Fishermen in Cornwall and Devon have promised a prolonged campaign of action to keep Spanish trawlers out of British waters .... Page 2

Sex abuse damages

A woman was awarded more than £16,000 damages from her adopted father for childhood sexual abuse but failed in a bid to force him to contribute to the cost of psychiatric care .... Page 7

Airlift for calves

Farmers are planning a livestock airlift to by-pass animal rights protesters who have been disrupting the shipping of calves to the Continent .... Page 5

Councils under fire

Too many local government officers are inefficiently employed, large numbers are overpaid and only a few councils function even adequately, according to two damning reports .... Page 8

Congress sacking

Newt Gingrich has been forced to dismiss his new official Congress historian because she once criticised a school history course for not giving "the Nazi point of view" .... Page 14

Russians desert

The full extent of Russia's bungled operation in Chechenia was exposed after it emerged that scores of demoralised Russian troops had deserted .... Page 11

Kohl's Algeria fears

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, is becoming afraid that France will suck the EU into the Algerian war with Islamic fundamentalists .... Page 10

'Dirty war' dispute

Spain's opposition parties have dismissed denials by Felipe González of official involvement in a "dirty war" against Basque separatists .... Page 14

Freedom hope

Aung San Suu Kyi, the Burmese opposition leader who has been under house arrest since 1988, will be freed by the end of the year, according to diplomatic sources in Rangoon .... Page 10

Restored pub's theme creates discord

■ A plastic knight on a smoke-snorting horse that winks and plays the overture to *William Tell* and a skeleton in a chair have brought Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries into dispute with English Heritage. The brewery is accused of ruining the appearance of a 13th-century Grade I listed house by turning it into a medieval theme pub .... Page 6

CHRIS HARRIS

Jude Liknaitzky, 15, from London, interviews Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday on aid and trade as part of the BBC World Service series *What's News?* in which young people give their views on international issues and talk to a leading public figure

BUSINESS

Entertainment: PolyGram, the record and film production company best known for *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, is paying $156 million for ITC Entertainment Group .... Page 25

Telecom: British Telecom and the German group VIAG announced a venture that will try to break Deutsche Telekom's stranglehold on the business sector .... Page 25

Athena: The former subsidiary of the Pentos stores group has collapsed with the loss of up to 600 jobs .... Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 4.6 points to close at 3060.4. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 79.5 to 79.2 after a rise from $1.5547 to $1.5600 but a fall from DM2.4155 to DM2.3934 .... Page 28

SPORT

Football: Manchester United broke the British transfer record by signing Andy Cole, the Newcastle United striker, for £7 million. Newcastle will get £6 million in cash and Keith Gillespie, the Northern Ireland winger . Page 48

Cricket: England defeated Australia by 37 runs in a one-day match in the World Series Cup, but not without a price. Darren Gough was carried off with a stress-fracture of his left foot and is unlikely to take any further part in the Ashes tour .... Page 46

Rugby Union: England will gamble on Michael Catt, the Bath stand-off half, at full back in their opening five nations' championship match against Ireland in Dublin on January 21 .... Page 43

ARTS

Wedgwood at 200: Josiah Wedgwood, the father of modern pottery and one of the great pioneers of the Industrial Revolution, died 200 years ago this month .... Page 39

Focus on Fats: A celebration of the life and music of Fats Waller has opened in London having run for more than 1,600 performances in New York .... Page 40

Silent distress: "It is impossible to deny that mime is the silliest art form, sillier even than ballet," writes Jeremy Kingston, introducing this month's London Mime Festival .... Page 41

Rising stars: Some of Britain's top young musicians are performing on the South Bank this week in the Park Lane Group Young Artists Concerts .... Page 39

Equality for all: "The problems associated with going mixed are negligible. The advantages are great." David Butler explains why he is leaving the Oxford and Cambridge Club .... Page 16

Tackiness is in: Why vulgar people have more fun, by Alice Thomson .... Page 16

Winter warmers: Shapely and sleek clothes add the "feel-good" factor to modern femininity, reports Iain R. Webb .... Page 17

Low morale: Alan Mitchell on why adland is watching the Saatchi & Saatchi saga unfold with dismay .... Page 23

Mr Yeltsin has lost the support of moderate political leaders, narrowed his circle of advisers and shed much of the moral authority he gained in his fight for reform. If Mr Yeltsin is truly committed to making Russia democratic, he must move quickly to end the war in Chechenia

— *The New York Times*

One sure sign of Boris Yeltsin's deepening frustration over Chechenia is Washington's deepening frustration over Boris Yeltsin

— *The Washington Post*

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ GORE BLIMEY
Geoff Brown on the blood-soaked French blockbuster, *La Reine Margot*

■ PRIMER OF LIFE
Derwent May introduces a top-selling child's guide to philosophy

Preview: Helped by stunning time-lapse photography, Sir David Attenborough tours the world in search of trees and flowers. *The Private Life of Plants* (BBC1, 9.30pm). **Review:** Lynne Truss applauds Terry Jones's television-friendly history of the Crusades .... Page 47

Rebels without clause

Any Labour leader who takes on Arthur Scargill and beats him wins public acclaim. Mr Blair took a calculated risk in Blackpool last year: it should not be without reward .... Page 19

State of development

The *Times* guide to *The New British State*, which is published today, is described by its authors as "a snapshot taken from a moving vehicle" .... Page 19

Frontier vision

France already has the strictest internal laws in Europe on what can be shown on television. By this attitude, its Government is not so much protecting its citizens as starving them of more attractive fare .... Page 19

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

The question which will not easily go away, now that the Parker Bowleses have announced their intention to divorce, is whether Prince Charles will divorce the Princess of Wales, marry Camilla, and make her queen .... Page 18

SIMON JENKINS

There is nothing that a Labour government could want to do with the railway that it cannot do under the present Act .... Page 18

PETER RIDDELL

The real issue is not whether Clause Four is going to be rewritten — on which there will be a straight for or against vote on April 29 — but its wording .... Page 9

OBITUARIES

Prince Souphanouvong, former Pathet Lao leader and President of Laos; **Kathleen Tynan**, widow of Kenneth Tynan and writer; **Carlos Monzon**, world middleweight boxing champion .... Page 21

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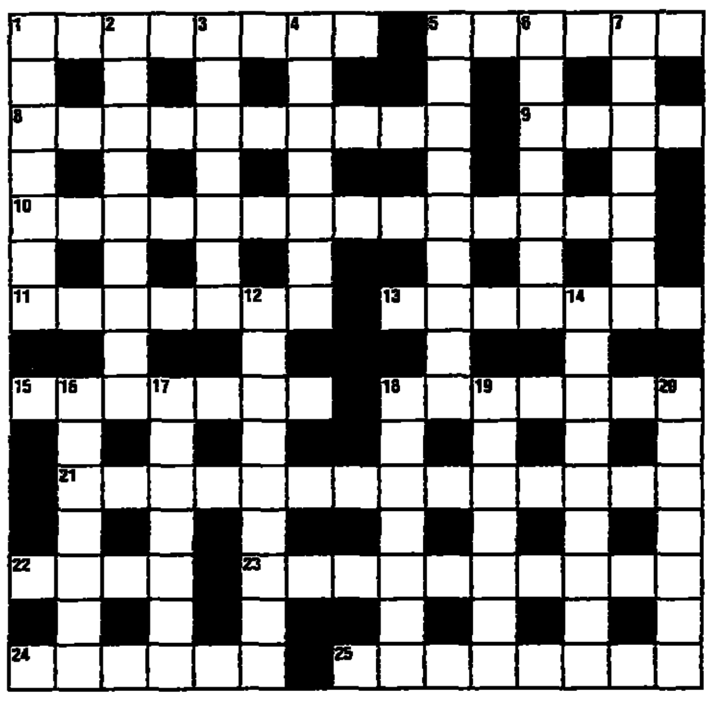

ACROSS

1 Current means of transport into club game (8)
5 Endlessly canoodle with sailor providing drink (6)
8 But *Mrs Warren's Profession* isn't such a bad play! (10)
9 It's spoken in Ecuador all the time (4)
10 Ill-humoured character directing us to another place (5-9)
11 Lives in lodgings, but refuses to comply (7)
13 A bargain spoken of for so long (7)
15 Moving ceremonial in smart person's earlier days (3-4)
18 Oriental thus accepting role of a grass (7)
21 Sentence originally introducing Macaulay's record of the distant past (4,10)
22 Deliberately provoke the elite (4)
23 Erase outside broadcast by educated person (10)
24 It's sung in a crudely built cabin (6)
25 County fellow without a supporter in retirement (8)

DOWN

1 He throws out the troublemaker with a dud cheque (7)
2 Senior officer with godliness in abundance (9)
3 Absence of harmful bacteria — but one passes out! (7)
4 Swelling appears to tax a surgeon at first (7)
5 Infamous in Bordeaux, we put in to port (9)
6 Like an uneasy, lying Head — victim of a strike? (7)
7 Where we may learn to identify a rebel vessel (7)
12 Evidence upset Athenian youth leader (9)
14 Writer seizes dishonourable fellow in bar (9)
16 Latvian salad ingredient named by a drunkard? (7)
17 Question relatives supplying plant (7)
18 In the heart of Greece, sports official turned recluse (7)
19 Series of actions resulting in a summons (7)
20 Cotton product distributed from a Dee silo (3-4)

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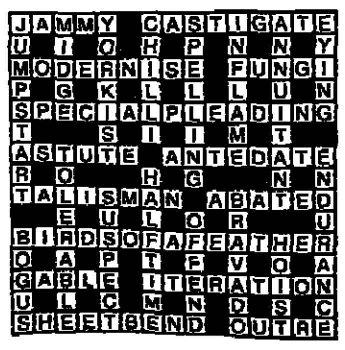

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Guernsey 11C (52F); lowest day max: Hunstanton, Norfolk 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries & Galloway 0.72in; highest sunshine: Folkestone, Kent, Plymouth and Jersey, Channel Islands 0.7hr

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: [illegible] am
Sun sets: 4.14 pm
Moon sets: 3.07 am
Moon rises: 12.25 pm

Full Moon January 16

London 4.14 pm to [illegible] am
Bristol 4.24 pm to 8.12 am
Edinburgh 4.03 pm to 8.37 am
Manchester 4.13 pm to 8.20 am
Penzance 4.42 pm to 8.15 am

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will be mainly dry, but rather cold. A few wintry showers may affect coasts of eastern England. Northern Ireland will also be mainly dry, but Scotland will have wintry showers, especially in the north and east.

☐ **London, SE England, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, Northern Ireland:** mainly dry, a few isolated showers in the west. Winds northwesterly moderate to fresh Max 4C (39F).

☐ **E Anglia, E England, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee:** clear or sunny spells, a few wintry showers along the coast. Wind northwesterly fresh to strong. Max 3C (37F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England:** cloudy with patchy rain at first, becoming mainly dry. Winds northwesterly moderate. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** clear or sunny intervals and frequent wintry showers. Winds northerly fresh to strong. Max 3C (37F).

☐ **Outlook:** dry at first, but rain spreading from the west, becoming milder.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	-	11	52	c	Lerwick	-	0.43	7	45	h
Anglesey	-	-	10	50	c	Liverpool	-	0.02	9	48	r
Aspatria	-	0.07	9	48	r	London	-	-	10	50	c
Aviemore	-	0.45	8	46	r	Lowestoft	0.1	-	8	46	c
Belfast	-	0.01	10	50	r	Manchester	-	0.02	10	50	c
Birmingham	-	-	10	50	c	Margate	-	0.12	8	46	du
Bognor R	-	-	9	48	c	Minehead	0.1	-	11	52	c
Bournem'th	-	-	9	48	c	Morecambe	-	0.03	9	48	r
Bristol	0.1	-	10	50	c	Newquay	-	0.02	10	50	c
Buxton	-	0.06	8	46	c	Norwich	0.1	-	9	48	c
Cardiff	-	-	9	48	c	Nottingham	-	0.01	9	48	r
Colwyn Bay	-	-	10	50	c	Oxford	-	-	9	48	c
Cromer	-	-	9	48	du	Penzance	0.3	-	11	52	c
Doncaster	0.1	-	10	50	c	Plymouth	0.7	-	10	50	c
Eastbourne	-	-	9	48	du	Poole	-	-	9	48	c
Edinburgh	-	0.16	10	50	sh	Scarboro'	-	-	9	48	c
Eskdalemuir	-	0.72	9	48	r	Scilly Isles	0.2	-	11	52	c
Exmouth	-	-	10	50	c	Shanklin	-	-	9	48	c
Falmouth	x	-	11	52	c	Shrewsbury	0.1	-	10	50	c
Fishguard	-	-	9	48	c	Skegness	-	0.01	9	48	c
Folkestone	0.7	0.01	9	48	c	Southend	0.3	-	9	48	du
Glasgow	-	0.64	10	50	r	Southport	-	0.04	9	48	d
Guernsey	-	-	11	52	c	Stornoway	-	0.52	9	48	g
Hastings	0.1	-	8	46	c	Teignmouth	-	-	11	52	c
Hove	-	-	9	48	c	Tenby	-	-	10	50	c
Hunstanton	-	0.01	7	45	du	Tiree	-	0.50	10	50	sh
Isle of Man	-	0.02	10	50	c	Torquay	-	-	10	50	c
Jersey	0.7	0.01	10	50	c	Tynemouth	-	-	10	50	c
Kinloss	-	0.19	9	48	r	Weymouth	-	-	10	50	c
Leeds	-	-	10	50	c						

These are Monday's figures

ABROAD

	C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	12	54	s	C'hagn	1	34	sl	Madrid	7	45	s	Rome	9	48	s
Akrotiri	17	63	f	Corfu	12	54	f	Majorca	15	59	f	Salzburg	3	37	sl
Alex'dria	17	63	s	Dublin	10	50	d	Malaga	16	61	s	S Frisco	17	63	c
Algiers	15	59	f	Dubrovnik	8	46	c	Malta	14	57	c	Santiago	29	84	s
Amst'dm	4	39	c	Faro	16	61	s	Melb'rne	30	86	f	S Paulo	27	81	c
Athens	11	52	c	Florence	4	39	s	Mexico C	18	64	s	Seoul	-3	27	s
Bahrain	21	70	s	Frankfurt	4	39	c	Miami	21	70	s	Sing'por	30	86	f
Bangkok	31	88	s	Funchal	17	63	c	Milan	6	43	s	St'kholm	1	34	sl
Barbados	27	81	c	Geneva	2	36	c	Montreal	-10	14	s	Strasb'rg	6	43	f
Barcelona	13	55	s	Gibraltar	15	59	s	Moscow	-12	10	c	Sydney	24	75	s
Beirut	17	63	f	Helsinki	-1	30	c	Munich	2	36	sn	Tangier	14	57	f
Belgrade	1	34	c	Hong K	19	66	s	Nairobi	-	-		Tel Aviv	19	66	s
Berlin	4	39	f	Innsbrck	1	34	r	Naples	9	48	s	Tenerife	18	64	f
Bermuda	20	68	s	Istanbul	5	41	f	N York	2	36	s	Tokyo	9	48	c
Biarritz	11	52	r	Jeddah	28	82	s	Nice	12	54	s	Toronto	-6	21	f
Borde'x	12	54	c	Jo'burg	22	72	f	Oslo	2	36	f	Tunis	13	55	f
Brussels	7	45	s	Karachi	25	77	s	Paris	9	48	r	Valencia	16	61	s
Budapst	-3	27	sn	L Palmas	19	66	f	Peking	3	37	s	Vanc'ver	7	45	r
B Aires	23	73	f	Le Tquet	9	48	f	Perth	28	82	s	Venice	2	36	s
Cairo	20	68	s	Lisbon	14	57	s	Prague	2	36	sl	Vienna	6	43	s
Cape Tn	29	84	s	Locarno	8	46	s	Reykjavik	-8	18	s	Warsaw	0	32	sn
Chicago	-8	18	f	L Angels	16	61	c	Rhodes	14	57	f	Wash'ton	7	45	f
Ch'church	17	63	f	Luxembg	4	39	c	Rio de J	30	86	s	Wel'ngton	20	68	c
Cologne	6	43	s	Luxor	24	75	s	Riyadh	27	81	s	Zurich	3	37	c

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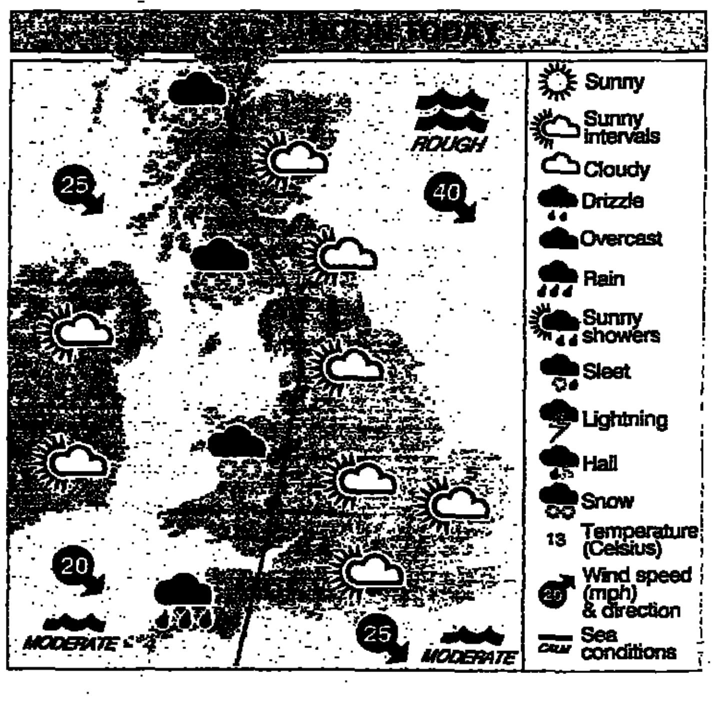

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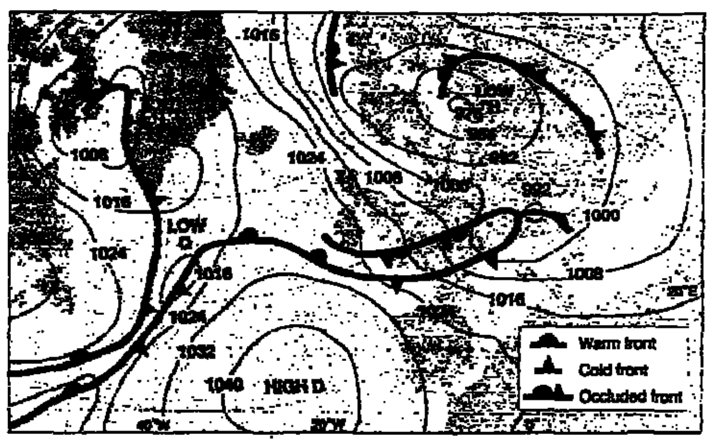

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London Bridge	8:59	5.84	9:48	5.86	Leith	10:27	4.52	10:56	4.53
Aberdeen	9:29	3.56	9:49	3.61	Liverpool	6:46	7.17	7:17	7.25
Avonmouth	1:50	10.11	2:43	10.18	Lowestoft	4:37	2.17	5:50	2.16
Belfast	6:47	2.90	7:15	2.91	Margate	7:08	3.93	7:43	3.97
Cardiff	1:50	9.22	2:38	9.37	Milford Haven	1:24	5.23	2:03	5.33
Devonport	0:26	4.29	1:12	4.27	Newquay	0:31	5.03	1:02	5.07
Dover	6:35	5.37	7:23	5.26	Oban	0:49	2.89	2:17	3.05
Dublin	7:44	3.44	8:00	3.43	Penzance	0:11	4.26	0:39	4.30
Falmouth	0:31	4.07	0:52	4.06	Portland	1:02	1.40	1:18	1.35
Glasgow	7:39	3.88	8:31	3.70	Portsmouth	6:40	3.97	7:27	3.73
Harwich	7:00	3.22	7:44	3.23	Shoreham	6:29	4.90	7:04	4.74
Holyhead	6:20	4.43	6:38	4.51	Southampton	6:20	3.83	7:02	3.66
Hull	1:19	5.93	2:12	5.81	Swansea	1:23	7.08	2:10	7.24
Ilfracombe	0:59	6.84	1:43	6.94	Tees	11:38	4.21	11:57	4.26
King's Lynn	2:01	4.99	2:37	4.99	W'ton-on-Nze	7:03	3.25	7:58	3.30

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Girolami warned Saatchi board about Herro

By Melvyn Marckus
City Editor

SIR Paul Girolami, former chairman of Glaxo and a non-executive director of Saatchi & Saatchi, warned co-directors shortly before Maurice Saatchi's resignation that the board's relationship with rebel shareholders, spearheaded by David Herro, the Chicago-based fund manger, did not adhere to the principles of corporate governance.

Inquiries by *The Times* reveal that Sir Paul, who was opposed to Mr Herro's demand for Mr Saatchi's resignation, delivered his warning, via fax, shortly before the eight-hour board meeting of December 16 at which Mr Saatchi quit.

In a memo to Graham Howell, the company secretary, Sir Paul said that he was unhappy about the way in which "vital issues" affecting the management and future of the company were being discussed with institutional shareholders whose only claim to "privileged treatment" was that they enjoyed a controlling vote. In his view, this was "unsound on the basis of any principle of corporate governance".

Sir Paul was unable to attend Saatchi & Saatchi's crucial board meeting but made himself available, by telephone, in Rome, where he was ensconsed at the Hassler Hotel.

He added that "other mechanisms" are specifically laid down by statute for boards to consult shareholders. Such alternative mechanisms, he emphasised, provide "the opportunity for all shareholders to be heard". He also considered that a controlling group of shareholders do not enjoy "special rights".

In an indirect reference to Mr Herro's proposals, Sir Paul recommended that the board "should not obey or react" to the demands made at the mid-December meeting, other than to abandon Mr Saatchi's share option scheme. He expressed his preference for Saatchi & Saatchi to retain its name. On the key issue of Mr Saatchi's role, Sir Paul declared: "I believe it is against the long term interests of the company and investing shareholders to remove the chairman."

Saatchi board members Michael Bungey, left, Wendy Smyth and Charles Scott, acting chairman

News of Sir Paul's perspective on the involvement of Mr Herro, 33, in Saatchi & Saatchi's corporate strategy will heighten calls for a detailed statement to shareholders from Saatchi & Saatchi's directors.

In the wake of Monday's exodus of three key executives, led by the acting chairman, Jeremy Sinclair, Saatchi & Saatchi's share price fell a further 17p to an all-time low of 107p before rallying to 112p. This capitalises the agency at £246.5 million and compares with 156p before the board, led by the chief executive, Charles Scott, agreed to Mr Herro's directives. Sales by Maurice and Charles Saatchi of some 1.8 million shares, conducted early last week when Mr Saatchi severed his links with the firm, were transacted at around 138p.

Speculation mounted yesterday that a Stock Exchange inquiry into recent dealings in Saatchi & Saatchi's shares is under way.

Mr Scott is to combine the role of acting chairman with that of chief executive.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3060.4	(+4.6)
Yield	4.21%	
FT-SE A All share	1516.56	(+0.97)
Nikkei	19501.45	(+56.53)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3890.62	(+29.27)
S&P Composite	464.26	(+3.43)

US RATE

Federal Funds	5⅝%*	(5½%)
Long Bond	95 29/32*	(95 17/32)
Yield	7.86%*	(7.89%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6 17/32%	(6½%)
Liffe long gilt future (Mar)	100 21/32	(100 21/32)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5585*	(1.5635)
London:		
$	1.5579	(1.5575)
DM	2.3993	(2.4055)
FFr	8.2800	(8.3050)
SFr	2.0074	(2.0171)
Yen	156.40	(156.27)
£ Index	79.2	(79.5)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5393*	(1.5370)
FFr	5.3135*	(5.3145)
SFr	1.2875*	(1.2875)
Yen	100.35*	(99.90)
$ Index	63.1	(63.4)

Tokyo close Yen 100.13

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Mar)	$16.15	($16.15)

GOLD

London close	$374.35	($372.85)

* denotes midday trading price

On the rails

British Rail is inviting "expressions of interest" from companies willing to acquire Rail Express Systems, the business that runs travelling Post Office trains for Royal Mail. The announcement suggests that RES, which has 720 staff and sales of £46 million may become the first British Rail train operating company to be privatised — jumping ahead of Freightliner. **Page 26**

Looking up

Three companies reported improved business over the *crucial Christmas trading* period. **Page 27, Tempus 29**

Trafalgar faces £60m bid fees

By Neil Bennett and Eric Reguly

TRAFALGAR House will be faced with a £60 million bill if its bid for Northern Electric succeeds, making it one of the most expensive bids the City has seen.

The potential cost of Trafalgar's *£1.2 billion bid* is revealed in a footnote in the company's listing particulars, published yesterday. The amount compares with the £24 million that Enterprise paid its advisers in its failed bid for Lasmo last year, which was criticised at the time for being exorbitant.

Almost half the expenses of the offer will be paid for underwriting Trafalgar's £725 *million* issue of convertible preference shares, one of the largest rights issues in the City since the recession. The rest will cover advisory fees to Trafalgar's merchant bank, its brokers and solicitors.

The main beneficiary of the high fees will be Swiss Bank Corporation, which is masterminding the transaction and convertible preference issue. Joint brokers are Cazenove and UBS while the solicitors are Linklaters & Paines.

Yesterday, a source close to Trafalgar House defended the high cost of the bid. He said that the advisory fees are all success-related and that many of the advisers will receive little or nothing if the offer fails. Trafalgar will also be able to offset the cost of the bid with the profit on the contracts for differences it holds with SBC, estimated at £8 million.

SBC has also demanded a high commission of 4 per cent for underwriting the preference share issue because it has priced the *issue at a discount of* only 4 per cent to the market price of Trafalgar's existing convertibles.

It is not clear if the expenses that Trafalgar has estimated in its offer documents include the cost of a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. If the bid is referred, Trafalgar may have to pay out several million *pounds* in legal fees as it presents its case to the MMC and will have to underwrite the share issue again if its bid is then cleared.

Northern yesterday attacked Trafalgar, saying its desire to own the utility is motivated by "financial engineering" and the potential to support a "cash-hungry conglomerate". The accusations were contained in a submission to Offer, the electricity regulator, and the Office of Fair Trading, which has the right to refer the bid to the monopolies commission. The MMC must decide soon whether to review the offer, which would lapse before it handed down its decision.

David Morris, Northern's chairman, said the bid has "everything to do with what Northern Electric and its financial strengths can bring to ailing Trafalgar House".

Tax advantages are key to Trafalgar's interest in Northern, but it said it has no intention of bleeding the company. "Trafalgar is fully committed to ensuring that Northern has the financial resources to discharge its licence responsibilities," a spokesman said.

Mr Morris also attacked Trafalgar's management capability. "It is *difficult* to see what the owners and the managers of the QE2 can offer," he said, referring to the *ship's Christmas* cruise fiasco.

Northern shares, which have fallen on fears that the MMC will get involved, climbed 11p to 985p.

ROBIN MAYES

Back at the helm: Lord Grade, 88, yesterday confirmed he would be returning to ITC, which he founded 40 years ago, as chairman for life

PolyGram buys ITC for $156m

POLYGRAM, the record and film production company best known for *Four Weddings and a Funeral, is paying $156* million for ITC Entertainment Group, the TV and film library founded by Lord Grade more than 40 years ago (Martin Waller writes).

ITC owns 10,000 hours of back catalogue including the TV series *Thunderbirds* and *The Prisoner*, and 350 feature films such as *Return of the Pink Panther*, *On Golden Pond* and *Sophie's Choice*.

The business also brings to PolyGram a worldwide TV distribution business, and a full-service North American syndicated TV operation, through which PolyGram hopes to sell its own products. Lord Grade, 88, rejoins ITC as chairman for life.

Jules Haimovitz, president and chief executive officer of ITC since 1993, is staying and has signed a long-term contract with PolyGram.

Public offered 40% of generator shares

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

THE Government will direct at least two-fifths of its outstanding stake in the two big electricity generators, for sale in a £4 billion share offer this spring, towards the public.

The campaign to market the shares in National Power and the smaller PowerGen started with *television and press* advertising last night, after details on the offer structure were announced.

The intention is to sell all of the Government's 40 per cent holding in the two companies in a two-tier share sale that will give the retail investor a built-in *discount* to the *price* that City and international institutions will agree to pay.

The entire UK public offer to the retail investor will be marketed through a network of share shops run by 130 different firms and providing more than 11,000 outlets on the *nation's high streets*, including 320 Argos stores.

The shares will be sold to big institutions via a tender offer that will set the price, including a discount as yet undisclosed, at which they will then go to the public. While advisers to the float say they *are not bound by precedents of* other privatisations, that level of discount is unlikely to differ from the 5 to 10 per cent given to the public in previous offers.

Payment is in three instalments, in different tax years. The two companies' shares are being packaged together, with *three National Power shares* for every two PowerGen.

Advisers to the sale have yet to decide the minimum subscription the public will have to put up, but it is likely to be between £300 and £500 each.

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BT joins up with Viag to tap into Germany

By Eric Reguly

BRITISH TELECOM and Viag, the German industrial group, yesterday *announced* a joint venture that will tryto break Deutsche Telekom's stranglehold on the highly *profitable German* telecoms sector.

The partners said they would invest "several hun*dred million pounds*" in the venture, Viag InterKom, over ten years. That could rise sharply if, as expected, it receives a broad telecoms licence in 1998, when Deutsche Telekom loses its voice and network monopoly.

The joint venture marks BT's biggest step into Europe before general deregulation comes into effect. "We now view the whole of Europe as our home market and this represents BT's single largest investment outside the UK," said Sir Iain Vallance, chairman. BT shares rose 9p, to 402p.

Viag InterKom, which will have its headquarters in Munich, will be owned 37.5 per cent by BT and 37.5 per cent by Viag. The remaining 25 per cent will be sold to other German partners.

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Jobs go as Athena collapses

By Liz Dolan

ATHENA HOLDINGS, the former posters and picture frames subsidiary of the Pentos stores group, has collapsed with the loss of up to 600 jobs.

Grant Thornton, the accountants, called in as administrative receiver on December 28, said yesterday that no acceptable offers had been received for the 157-strong chain and although deals may be done on a small number of outlets, most were to cease trading.

The receiver says it is hopeful that the franchise operation will be sold *and all but one of* the 30 franchise stores will remain open for the time being.

The number of landlords *involved in* the chain was one of the main obstacles to a sale, Grant Thornton said. Some of the 70 landlords had forced the closure of 37 Athena stores, even before the receiver decided to cease trading.

Grant Thornton was initially bullish about the chances of a sale. But yesterday, Scott Barnes, a partner in the firm, said: "Since the appointment of receivers, the team here at Grant Thornton have analysed in *great detail the* plethora of problems surrounding the company. The closure of the majority of the stores was *perhaps inevitable given those* problems, the action taken by distraining landlords and the lack of acceptable offers."

Pentos's unusual decision to "ring fence" its subsidiary before calling in Grant Thornton has attracted criticism, especially from creditors who maintain that they had continued to deal with Athena only because of the perceived financial support offered by the parent company. The decision, although unusual, is legal, and was made possible by the uncommon degree of independence afforded to *Athena by Pentos*.

Bill McGrath, chief executive, has argued that the rest of the group, which includes Dillons, would have been dragged under had Athena not been put into receivership.

A group trading statement is due out today.

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BR lines up mail train business for privatisation

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

BRITISH RAIL is inviting "expressions of interest" from companies willing to acquire Rail Express Systems, the business that runs travelling Post Office trains for Royal Mail.

The announcement suggests that RES, which has 720 staff and sales of £46 million in the year to March 1994, may become the first British Rail train operating company to be privatised.

That distinction was to have gone to Freightliner, the container distribution business. But BR announced a week ago *that it was deferring the sale of* Freightliner to reorganise its activities, despite having already called for and received indicative bids.

The delay in the privatisation of Freightliner may well rebound on BR and Hill Samuel, its banking adviser. Outside investors might prove reluctant to devote time and resources to a possible purchase when the likely terms remain tentative, and rail privatisation is creating a deepening political furore.

But any potential purchaser of RES is likely to focus on its ten-year contract with the Post Office, which comes into effect in October 1996. At the moment, RES operates 61 trains a day for the Post Office's Royal Mail subsidiary, of which 24 are overnight trains on which mail is sorted en route. Among RES's assets are 161 diesel and electric locomotives, 133 travelling Post Office carriages and *400 general purpose railvans.* The company also operates rail passenger charter services and the carriage of parcels for Red Star, the BR express parcels business.

RES carries almost a quarter of Post Office letter traffic. Rod Gray, RES commercial director, said that from October next year, the Post Office contract will provide about three-quarters of RES business. Revenues and track access charges levied by Railtrack will be guaranteed, provided performance guarantees are met.

The deal, signed a year ago, envisages an investment of £150 million by the Post Office to create a dedicated rail mail operation called Railnet. *Under the plan,* the Post Office is financing construction of a new station at a Willesden, in north London, where mail will be transferred from lorries and vans to trains and *shipped* north on a fleet of 16 electric trains. Mail will also be received from the north for distribution in the south.

Construction of the station is well advanced, while ABB Transportation, at Derby, is building the rolling stock for the service.

Although RES has lost money in the past, the Royal Mail contract has been designed to be profitable for RES, while offering advantages to the Post Office over rival methods of transport.

The Post Office declined to say whether it would like to bid for RES or operate its own *trains.* "We *are not allowed to* make an offer because of the government restrictions on what we can do," a spokesman said.

Because of intense competition from road-based overnight express parcel services, RES managers see little scope for developing the Red Star business. However, Mr Gray said there were other opportunities for expansion. "Diversification is something that RES has on its agenda," he said.

Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, is believed to be hoping that the sale of RES can be completed about the middle of this year. Advisers appear to have concluded that it is the easiest BR train operating company to sell because it is a free-standing business, backed by *a profitable ten-year contract.*

Unlike most BR operations, RES uses its own, dedicated drivers for most routes, and maintains its own trains in depots at Crewe, Cambridge, Bristol and London Euston. The headquarters is at Euston, but is being transferred to Crewe.

Lambert Howarth buys into ceramics

Robert Garfit, left, and Sir Trevor Holdsworth yesterday

LAMBERT Howarth Group, which imports footwear for Marks and Spencer and other customers, *is* moving into ceramic products with the acqusition of Paul Goldstone, an importer of ceramic tableware and giftware from Portugal for M&S, for a maximum consideration of £5.2 million (Martin Barrow writes).

In 1993 Goldstone earned pre-tax profits of £537,000 on turnover of £5.47 million. Net assets were £634,000 at *the end of December, 1993.*

Lambert Howarth, where Sir Trevor Holdsworth is chairman and Robert Garfit holds the post of managing director, has forecast profits of not less than £1.7 million before tax and promised a final dividend of 4.85p a share.

ALAN WELLER

John Jackson, centre, with Konrad Johnsen, left, and Jeff Hume, Howden's finance director

Orders surge at Howden despite difficult markets

By Martin Barrow, City News Editor

DIFFICULT market conditions in Europe failed to halt progress at Howden Group, the engineering company based in Scotland.

In the half-year to October 31, pre-tax profits rose to £10.6 *million from £9.5 million and* order intake was up 13 per cent at £193 million. John Jackson, chairman, and Konrad Johnsen, chief executive, say the upward trend in order intake has continued into the third quarter, although market conditions remain competitive.

The operating profit of the air and gas handling activities in Europe eased as a result of the completion of large contracts.

But order intake was steady and included the flue gas desulphurisation fans for a *power station at Le Havre and* a further preheater order for a Chinese power station. US operations saw increased demand for industrial fans.

The construction and mining equipment division benefited from restructuring at Wirth, the German drilling equipment subsidiary, coupled with good performances from its businesses in South East Asia. Aerospace also had a strong half-year and the company said it was looking to the future with confidence.

Earnings improved to 2.5p a *share from 2.2p. The interim* dividend is increased to 0.89p a share from 0.82p, payable May 1. The shares fell 5p to 89p.

The company expects to see further benefits of increased volume as economic recovery develops with margin improvement.

Barclaycard on the superhighway

By Sara McConnell

BARCLAYCARD has launched itself on to the information superhighway. *Users* of the worldwide Internet network can now receive details of the issuer's existing and planned card services, make comments and suggestions about those services and ask for application forms for *new cards.*

However, they will not be able to find out their balance or obtain other details of their account until security for Barclays' files on the network has been improved. Profiles customers will also have to wait to be able to exchange Profiles points for gifts over the Internet.

Barclaycard promises that it will be impossible for other Internet users to get *hold* of confidential *information about* accounts. It says: "The system to which Internet users will have access is totally separate from the computer network containing confidential information, so that unauthorised access to customers' records will be impossible."

Customers cannot pay their bills through Internet, although Barclaycard says improvements in technology may make that a possibility in future.

Only students will be able to apply for Barclaycards directly through Internet. Barclays is keen to attract students, for whom it waives the £10 annual card fee. It believes many students have become *members of Internet through their* colleges.

Barclaycard estimates that 200,000 of Internet's one million users in the UK are already Barclaycard customers.

☐ Customers of National Westminster Bank will be able to buy or apply for a range of banking and travel policies and holidays through touch screens in NatWest branches.

The first terminal will be in NatWest's Kingston branch, with further terminals planned in Ealing and Maidstone. There will also be screens in Thomas Cook branches in Putney and Cheapside.

Substantial profits rise anticipated by Treatt

Robin Mears, left, technical director, and Hugo Bovill

TREATT, the supplier, blender and distiller of essential oils and aromatic chemicals, has taken steps to ensure continuity of supplies of orange *oil (Martin Barrow writes).*

The moves follow a severe drought in Brazil which has affected world stocks and sent prices soaring.

Adverse weather conditions *and increased demand have* also affected other commodity prices, but the company still anticipates a substantial rise in profits in the first half of the current year, said Geoffrey Bovill, Treatt's chairman.

In the year to September 30, the company, *whose managing* director is Hugo Bovill, increased taxable profits to £2 million from £1.67 million, lifting earnings to 14.12p a share from 12.27p. There is a *final dividend of 3.4p (2.9p),* making 4.6p for the year (4p), payable on April 13.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.15	1.98
Austria Sch	17.89	16.39
Belgium Fr	52.56	48.26
Canada $	2.306	2.146
Cyprus Cyp£	0.778	0.723
Denmark Kr	10.07	9.27
Finland Mkk	8.07	7.37
France Fr	8.79	8.09
Germany Dm	2.56	2.35
Greece Dr	384.00	369.00
Hong Kong $	12.77	11.77
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2685.00	2480.00
Japan Yen	170.50	154.50
Malta	0.617	0.582
Netherlds Gld	2.844	2.614
Norway Kr	11.10	10.30
Portugal Esc	258.50	240.00
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.30
Spain Pta	215.00	201.00
Sweden Kr	12.29	11.49
Switzerland Fr	2.14	1.96
Turkey Lira	refer	59785.0
USA $	1.680	1.530

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Peugeot faces battle on pay

PEUGEOT is facing a pay battle with 4,000 workers at its *Coventry plant in the week* that the French company ordered big increases in production from its British subsidiary (Kevin Eason writes).

Unions representing 1,500 *white-collar workers at the* plant at Ryton went into talks yesterday demanding substantial rises and a guarantee of no compulsory redundancies.

At the same time, papers were being prepared for a ballot next week of the company's 2,500 assembly line workers on whether to strike for a higher wage offer.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

BAe wins £90m Jetstream order

BRITISH AEROSPACE has won a £90 million order for 20 aircraft to be built by its loss-making Jetstream subsidiary in Prestwick, Strathclyde. The announcement coincides with a £35 million order from China Yunnan Airlines for Rolls-Royce engines to equip three Boeing 767 airliners. The airline, a new customer for Rolls, has also taken options on a further three 767s. The BAe contract is to supply additional 29-seat Jetstream 41 regional turboprop aircraft to Atlantic Coast Airlines of the United States. Atlantic, which trades as United Express, was launch customer for the J41 in April 1993. It already has 15 of the planes. The new aircraft will be sold to JSX, BAe's US-based Jetstream fleet management company, which will lease them to the operator.

Delivery will begin this month, and will be completed in mid-1997. The sale takes total orders and options for the J41 since launch to 129, in one of the toughest market sectors.

☐ Short Brothers of Belfast, the aerostructures company owned by Bombardier of Canada, is to shed 220 white-collar workers. *Some may be offered jobs on the production side,* where 130 more workers are needed.

Norwich Union cuts

NORWICH Union, the insurance company, is to cut 1995 bonuses on endowment and pension policies. The company said "actual investment returns will continue to be lower throughout the 1990s than the 1980s". About 15 per cent of its £100 million of annual life and pensions premiums are linked to endowment mortgages. Norwich Union will cut bonus rates on unitised policies for ordinary business from 7 per cent to 6.5 per cent. Conventional ordinary business policies will fall from 3 per cent to 2.5 per cent on the sum assured and from 5.5 per cent to 4.5 per cent on attaching bonuses.

Caterer on French menu

SODEXHO, the French services group, wants to buy Gardner Merchant, the British contract catering group, for an estimated £750 million. Shares in Sodexho were suspended by the Paris bourse yesterday after the story appeared in the weekend press. The company is due to issue a *statement saying that negotiations with Gardner are well* advanced. Gardner, a management buyout from Forte, was due to be floated this year, but the price Sodexho is willing to pay is far above flotation estimates. Forte still owns 25 per cent and stands to make almost £190 million from the sale.

House price optimism

A FUNDAMENTAL change in the public perception of property ownership is revealed in the latest Abbey National Housing Survey. More than two-thirds of those surveyed said that they now believed that a house was primarily a home rather than an investment. But this new realism has not stifled optimism about house prices — close to half of those who took part in the survey, conducted by MORI, believed that house prices would rise by an average 4.5 per cent over the next 12 months. Other recent surveys have predicted prices will be flat in 1995.

Germans delay paying

LONGER payment delays by firms in Germany, Britain's biggest export market in Europe, are making life difficult for *British exporters, according to a survey by NCM, the UK's* leading export credit insurer. It shows that payment delays last year rose 49 per cent in Germany, traditionally one of the more disciplined countries where bad debt is concerned. Conni Randall, NCM's business strategy director, noted that other continental countries were now settling bills faster than a year ago. NCM sees a close correlation between payment delays and hiccups in German industrial production.

M&W raises dividend

LIKE-FOR-LIKE sales rose 3.9 per cent at M&W, the convenience store operator, in the year to October 2. But new store openings helped to lift the rise in total sales by 19.9 per cent to £85.8 million and operating profits to £2.6 million from £2.3 million. However, pre-tax profits eased to £2.6 million from £2.8 million because of a decline in exceptional income. Earnings were 10.64p a share, down from 12.52p, but the total *dividend rises to 3.25p a share from 3p with a 2p final, to be* paid on February 24. Michael Weston, the chairman, said the company faced the future with confidence.

Hollas loss grows

A CHARGE of £1.53 million against restructuring costs resulted in £1.7 million losses before tax at Hollas Group, the textiles company, in the half year to September 30, compared with a deficit of £254,000 previously. The interim is held at 0.3p, payable on April 5, in spite of losses per share of 1.07p (0.06p). Pre-exceptional profits improved to £1.05 million from £264,000, despite a £308,000 loss at Hawkshead, the company's joint venture with Kleeneze Holdings. The protective clothing division was hit by the protracted industrial dispute between Railtrack and the RMT union.

Bespak pegs payout

BESPAK, the medical products company, is holding the interim dividend at 4.2p a share in spite of a rise in pre-tax profits to £3.04 million from £2.88 million in the half year to October. Earnings were 7.9p a share, rising from 7.5p. The shares were marked 10p lower yesterday to 278p. Group turnover edged forward to £31.79 million from £31 million. UK sales fell to £9.67 million from £12.14 million, but in America they rose to £15.6 million from £14.3 million. Sales in Europe were £4.8 million (£3 million). The company expects improved sales to Glaxo in the second half.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity
- Johnson Academy Trust

The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at Mulberry House, Hoathly Hill, West Hoathly, West Sussex, or obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Woodfield House, Tangier, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 4BL, quoting reference CTB/281964/CD(T). Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO: 006957 OF 1994
IN THE MATTER OF
MOMMERSTEEG SEED COMPANY LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 14th day of December 1994 confirming the share reduction of the above named company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 21st December 1994.

Dated this 5th day of January 1995
EVERSHEDS WELLS & HIND
14 Fletcher Gate, Nottingham, NG1 2FX
(ref: AM)
Solicitors for the above named company

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO. 006734 OF 1994
IN THE MATTER OF
HEYWOOD WILLIAMS COMPONENTS LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated Tuesday 20th day of December 1994 confirming the cancellation of a share premium account of the above named company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 24th day of December 1994

Dated this 5th day of January 1995
EVERSHEDS HEPWORTH & CHADWICK
Cloth Hall Court, Infirmary Street,
Leeds LS1 2JB
(ref: LJM)
Solicitors for the above named company

LEGAL NOTICES

FOREST GILES (FURNISHING) LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

A meeting of the creditors of FOREST GILES (FURNISHING) LIMITED is to be held at Price Waterhouse, Bridge Gate, 55-57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 1RX on 18 January 1995 at 11.00am under the provisions of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the report of the receivers and if the creditors wish to do so, to appoint a committee of creditors.

Creditors who have not received notice of the meeting and wish to attend should contact the receivers' office (telephone 01737 766300) and ask for Mr N Anwar.

Any creditors requiring a copy of the report (which is available free of charge) should write to me at Price Waterhouse, Bridge Gate, 55-57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 1RX.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.

M D Garcia
Joint Administrative Receiver
23 December 1994

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M D Garcia
Joint Administrative Receiver
23 December 1994

KAYTEX TRADING COMPANY LIMITED
Principal Trading Address:
Unit 9, Fowler Industrial Park, Chorley New Road, Horwich, Bolton, BL6 6QU
Company Number:
1872823

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at Abbey House, 74 Mosley Street, Manchester, M60 2AT on 23 January 1995 at 10.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

N J Dargan of Touche Ross & Co, Abbey House, 74 Mosley Street, Manchester, M60 2AT will provide creditors free of charge with information concerning the company's affairs.

Dated 6 January 1995
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Mr. Hanif
DIRECTOR

No.25 of 1994
IN THE LEEDS COUNTY COURT
IN THE MATTER OF
CREATIVE APPROACH LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

We, Christopher Morris and Angus Martin of Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS, give notice that on 30 November 1994 we were appointed Joint Liquidators of Creative Approach Limited by a resolution of a meeting of the company's creditors.

Notice is also hereby given that the creditors of the above named company are required on or before 28 February 1995 to send in writing their names and addresses and the particulars of the debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to Christopher Morris of Touche Ross & Co, PO Box 810, Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS, the Joint Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required, by notice in writing from the said Joint Liquidator, or by their solicitors, or personally, to come in and prove their said debts and claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

DATED this 9th day of January 1995
C MORRIS A MARTIN
Liquidators.

No: 2268167
RENAISSANCE FILMS LIMITED

NOTICE IS GIVEN pursuant to section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 that at the Annual General Meeting of the above named Company (the "Company") convened and held on 5th January 1995 a special resolution was passed:-

1. approving a form of contingent contract providing for the purchase by the Company of up to *500,000 of it's ordinary shares of* £1 each for the aggregate sum of up to £500,000; and
2. authorising the payment of up to the said £500,000 out of capital.

The statutory declaration of the directors of the Company and the auditor's report required by section 173(5) of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection at the Company's registered office at 5 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.

Any creditor of the Company may at any time within the 5 weeks immediately following 5th January 1995 apply to the court under section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 for an order cancelling the resolution or for other relief.

Colin Spurr
Secretary
5th January 1995

O.V.S. STORES LIMITED
TRADING AS
DANNY'S DISCOUNT
QUEBEC STREET,
BOLTON
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the Pack Horse Hotel, Nelson Square, Bradshawgate, Bolton BL1 1DP on Thursday 19th January 1995 at 12.00 noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2) (a) of the Act, Peter Lomas of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.

DATED THIS 5TH DAY OF JANUARY 1995
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
A K PATEL
DIRECTOR

P L Parsons & Co Limited
Registered Number: 1516899
Former company name:
Rightplace Limited
Trading Name: Shaldock
Nature of Business:
Stage and Scenery Erectors
Trade Classification: 11
Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers:
3 January 1995
Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers:
Barclays Bank plc
Type of Security:
Fixed and floating charge
Date of Security:
3 January 1991
Names of persons appointed:
L A Manning and I P Phillips, both of BUCHLER PHILLIPS, 84 GROSVENOR STREET, LONDON W1X 9DF. (Office Holder Nos 6477 and 2636)

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
Finecane Press Limited
- In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation -

HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I, R Hocking, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London, W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 9 January 1995. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.

All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.

Dated: 9 January 1995
R Hocking
Liquidator

WALL STREET LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Sherlock House, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF on 25th January 1995 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq. A list of the names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the Offices of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

DATED THIS 6TH JANUARY 1995
M. FELFELI
Director

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☐ Generating interest in privatisation ☐ Labouring hard on a prospectus ☐ Creating a case for tax cuts

Power to the people

☐ THE Treasury yesterday unleashed another barrage of advertising on an unsuspecting British public, designed to encourage them to buy shares in this year's big sell off. The purpose of wheeling in the men in loud ties and coloured spectacles is clear: to pound potential investors into complete submission until they will gladly part with the £300 to £500 minimum investment just to get the adverts off their screens.

The sale of the Government's remaining 40 per cent stakes in National Power and PowerGen will be heralded by an erupting volcano and a tidal wave. The marketing message is unmistakeable — here is your chance to own a part of two great natural disasters. At least this campaign is a less nauseating than the close runner-up — Sidney, the Singing Electricity Socket.

Artistic sensibilities aside, the sale shows the Government's increasing skill at carrying out privatisation on the cheap. The marketing campaign is expected to cost only around £8 million, far less than most others, partly because the television adverts are short and sweet.

The Treasury and its advisers are also making considerable savings on the distribution of the retail offer, by relying almost entirely on 130 share shops, including a subsidiary of Argos, who between them command 11,000 high street sites. This allows the offer to do without a share information office and all the connected costs.

The share shops are prepared to take all the hassle of selling the Power shares to private investors for a knock-down commission of 1 per cent, even lower than the 1.1 per cent they were given in the BT3 sale. The reason is that the privatisation gives them an opportunity to sell their high-priced personal equity plan and portfolio management services. Indeed it is arguable that the share shops should pay the Government a commission for bringing two million investors through their door.

The official excuse for using share shops, that it will make things easier for investors, does not hold water. What could be easier than the old-fashioned method of cutting a coupon from your daily paper and posting it with a cheque?

Investors may be nervous about making a long-term investment at the same place that they bought their Walkman. They may also be nervous about the whole issue, having suffered the poor performance of the BT3 shares, despite all the discounts and incentives lavished on them. BT's shares are still comfortably below BT3's 410p retail offer price, hardly a good precedent for secondary privatisations.

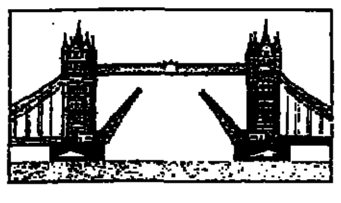
The British public has remained loyal to privatisations, despite being sold more than their fair share of lemons, alongside the plums like the regional electricity companies. The Treasury's financial forecasts are clearly anticipating that the investing public will be carried along by the rolling wave in the advert.

Watching the political sparks fly

☐ AS IF all that was not enough, the generators' share sale is going to have to jump over a couple more hurdles in the shape of health warnings on just what the various powers that be or might be have to say on the companies' future.

The investing public has learned to ignore chunks of lawyer-drafted provisos that perforce clutter up the back pages of new issue prospectuses. But those attached to the gencos may deserve more attention.

PENNINGTON



The float is likely to be the last big public issue, on the fair assumption that poor Railtrack fails to make it out of the platform before the next election, and possibly the last ever.

The companies are half-way through the two-year period given to them by the regulator to sell off 6,000 megawatts of plant, and few in the industry hold out much hope that the deadline will be met. Potential investors ought at least to be aware that if that date is indeed missed, relationships between the two and the Office of Electricity Regulation may become a little strained. Shareholders in British Gas have a fair idea what can happen then.

Second, the advisers to the issue will have to spell out exactly what Labour in particular intends for the electricity industry. Curiously, all involved in the share sale were rather vague yesterday on just what Her Majesty's Opposition had in store, although they have promised to nail it down in time for the pathfinder prospectus at the end of this month.

A quick call to Gordon Brown's office at the Commons would clear up any confusion. Labour has proposed a windfall tax on "any excess profits made by the utilities". This includes the regional electricity companies, widely felt to be fair game after the row over executive pay, and the National Grid as well.

It also includes the generators, even if by most definitions they are not classed as utilities. Advisers were yesterday talking down the damage that a rogue Labour sound-bite, if sufficiently well-timed, might do to the marketing campaign. But no privatisation so far has had to include the warning that some future profits might disappear if the Government changes hands.

America's charter for wishful thinking

☐ *THE* way America calculates its budget deficit may look an arcane detail, but isn't. There is a danger that Republicans will try to institutionalise something akin to the momentarily famous Laffer curve beloved of early Reaganites. By generalising from extreme cases, this purported to show that cuts in tax rates actually increase revenue.

Building this into a new "dynamic" budget model would somehow allow members of the new Congress to deliver the tax cuts they campaigned for while still claiming America's budget deficit would fall. The White House is competing for the same ground, *pace* President Clinton's proposed $60 billion of new middle-class tax allowances.

This sounds a wonderful wheeze. The deficit, though only about 2½ per cent of national income, is pretty high for this stage of a boom. After falling this year on present policies, it is projected to rebound from 1997.

Unfortunately, the Laffer curve illustrated a political idea, not economic relationships. Financial markets will quickly see through any such wishful thinking on the budget. So will Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, as he made clear to Congress budget committees yesterday. If you want to fiddle figures, he seemed to say, it would be better to reform the consumer price index to cut index-linked rises in pensions and welfare payments.

If the Fed thinks fiscal policy is becoming more lax, it will feel it needs to compensate by making monetary policy that much tougher. Inflation is low now, but high long-term interest rates show doubts that this will last.

As Mexico's President Zedillo will testify, accelerating rises in US short-term interest rates are likely to bring unhappy consequences for other economies. The rest of the world needs America to tighten fiscal policy now, while it can, allowing more relaxed monetary policies. All eyes should therefore be on the White House's budget proposals at the end of the month, to see how much wishful thinking they contain, and how much more Congress then injects.

Pict shares surge after rival's bid

By Carl Mortished

PICT PETROLEUM shares soared from 157p to 194p yesterday as the oil exploration group recommended a £102 million takeover by a rival explorer, Premier Consolidated Oilfields.

The all-paper bid, worth 197.6p, is a substantial premium to the 141p value of Pict shares in December last year when Premier revealed it was in talks to buy the 48 per cent stake in Pict held by Amerada Hess, the American oil company.

Premier is offering Pict shareholders 31 Premier shares for every four Pict shares, giving Pict holders about 46 per cent of the enlarged group. Almost a month ago, Premier told the market that its offer was unlikely to be at a premium to Pict's share price, then 141p.

Charles Jamieson, chief executive of Premier, said that the initial approach came from Amerada, which has links with both Pict and Premier in the North Sea.

Amerada is putting cash into the new company, subscribing to up to 60 million Premier shares worth £19.8 million and taking its stake in the merged company up to 25 per cent. Analysts interpreted its subscription price of 33p a share as necessary to sell the deal to Pict shareholders.

Jacques Vert lifts dividend

JACQUES Vert, the retailer and manufacturer of women's fashionwear has raised its interim dividend 50 per cent after a better-than-expected trading performance lifted profits from £833,000 to £1.36 million in the half year to October 29 (Martin Barrow writes).

The shares rose 4p to 192p after an upbeat statement on current trading by Alan Green, chairman. "Our brands are continuing to perform well against the difficult retail consumer market," he said. Mr Green added that the company's two new brands, Gabriella Rossi, for shorter women, and JV by Jacques Vert, had been well received.

The interim dividend is 2.25p a share (1.5p), payable on April 6 from earnings per share that doubled to 9.6p, reflecting an improved operating result and lower tax charge.

MICHAEL POWELL

Going for gold: Colin Smith, front, Ashanti's chief operating officer, and Sam Jonah, chief executive

Ashanti plans $15m expansion in Africa

ASHANTI Goldfields is embarking on an aggressive strategy of international expansion and has set aside US$15 million for exploration across Africa. The Ghana-based group, which floated at $1.5 billion in London last year, has created a new subsidiary, Ashanti Exploration, to prospect for gold in several African countries.

Ashanti yesterday announced a 24 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to $112 million. Production in the year to September 30 grew by 7 per cent to 822,954 ounces at an average sale price $385 per ounce, slightly ahead of spot gold prices in the year, thanks to an aggressive hedging policy.

The dividend is 25 cents per share.

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Christmas brings cheer for more companies

By George Sivell
Assistant Business Editor

THREE more public companies enjoyed improved trading over Christmas and the new year.

Whitbread, the brewer, said yesterday that beer volumes were well up on last year, adding to last week's strong trading statement from Allied Domecq, the drinks group.

Peter Jarvis, the Whitbread chief executive, said Christmas and new year trading overall was ahead of last year. He added: "Trends were similar to those in the first half of the financial year, with food sales in Whitbread Inns showing the strongest growth."

However, he warned investors: "Market conditions remain patchy with sluggish sales in the Home Counties. Sales in Pizza Hut and Thresher reflected the slow return of consumer confidence on the high street." The announcement made little difference to Whitbread shares, which fell 1p to 557p.

Clinton, the cards group, said its sales were up slightly in the five weeks to December 31. Trading was satisfactory and in line with the board's expectations. The shares were unchanged at 95p.

Volume sales of gifts also showed increases but that was achieved on lower prices. The 83 Hall of Cards shops were, however, successfully integrated into the chain during November in time for Christmas. The group expects to publish its results for the year to January 29 in March.

James McAdam: seeking improved efficiency at Signet

Signet, the jewellery group formerly known as Ratner, said that pre-tax profits for the year to January 28 are likely to be comfortably ahead of the previous year.

In the 11 months to December 1994, group like-for-like sales increased by 3 per cent over the same period in 1993. In the last two months, which included the important Thanksgiving and Christmas periods, the comparable increase was also 3 per cent, the board said.

James McAdam, the executive chairman, said that the group remained focused on improving profitability through maintaining gross margins and more efficient operation. Signet shares were unchanged at 22p.

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Union call for freer Post Office

THE Government should adopt its only remaining option for the future of the Post Office and give it greater commercial freedom, according to the corporation's trade unions (Philip Bassett writes).

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, and senior Post Office managers will be examined in a fortnight's time by the Commons' trade and industry select committee on the Post Office's future, following the decision to abandon privatisation.

The unions said greater commercial freedom was imperative if the Post Office was to survive. Ministers should end the uncertainty that is damaging the Post Office by introducing it.

Profits doubled at Stakis

By Martin Barrow
City News Editor

STAKIS, the hotels and casinos group that almost collapsed four years ago, signalled its return to financial health yesterday by more than doubling annual profits to £20.2 million, from £9.4 million, for the year to October 2.

Sir Lewis Robertson, the company doctor appointed chairman in March 1991 as a rescue got under way, confirmed his decision to step down at the next annual meeting. His successor will be Richard Cole-Hamilton.

Sir Lewis leaves a company whose market capitalisation has recovered to £406 million, against a low point of just £63 million, with the shares at 85p, up from a 24p low. "As the numbers confirm, a lot has been achieved in these four years," he said.

In the year to October 2, pre-tax profits rose to £20.2 million (£9.4 million), with earnings rising to 4.27p (2.36p) a share. A final dividend of 0.9p a share, payable April 7, raises the total to 1.55p, from 1p.

Operating profits in the hotels division rose £4.1 million to £24.6 million and casinos by £1.6 million to £12.5 million. Pre-tax profits also benefited from a £6.5 million reduction in interest costs, to £11.8 million.

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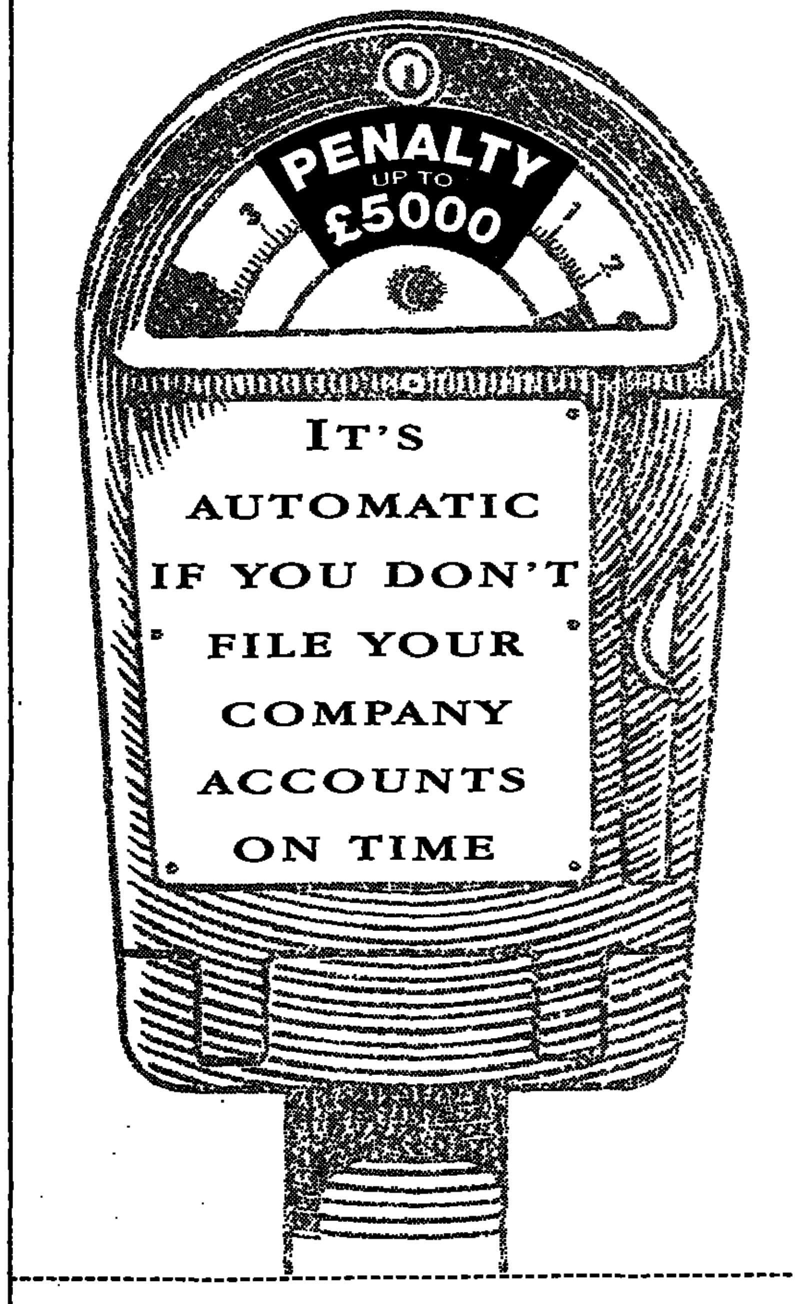

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Examples of some deadlines for existing private limited companies are shown below.

Company Accounting Reference Date	Deadline for delivery to Companies House
31 March 1994	31 January 1995
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MDIS slides on second warning

By Our City Editor

SHARES in McDonnell Information Systems (MDIS), floated on the stock market at 260p less than a year ago, slumped to 67p at one point yesterday after a second profit warning. The company also announced the immediate departure of its finance director.

Investors saw another £39 million wiped from the value of the company, once worth £260 million but yesterday reduced to just £67 million before the shares closed at 69p, down 37p on the day.

The first profit warning was issued in September. NatWest Wood Mackenzie and Baring Brothers, the company's joint brokers, are remaining loyal to MDIS for the time being. A brief statement from the company said full-year pre-tax profits would be "significantly below expectations." Forecasts had previously ranged from £14.2 million to £16 million, compared with £20.7 million in 1993.

Although MDIS made a profit in the second half, the board said, trading fell short of the company's own targets, reflecting disappointing demand from the finance sector. In addition, the Xerox chess software business incurred a higher-than-expected loss of £2.5 million since its acquisition in October, and research and development costs had accelerated.

In an effort to reassure investors, the company has promised to hold the dividend at 6.25p a share for the year, equal to the pro forma dividend for 1993. The company said it continued to have a strong working capital position and was cash-generative in the second half.

An immediate casualty of MDIS's troubles appeared to be Ian Knox, who has resigned as finance director and will be succeeded by Richard Barfield his deputy, who joined the company in September. Ian Hay Davision, chairman, and Jerry Causely, chief executive, intend to remain in their posts.

The flotation of MDIS raised £107.4 million to repay borrowings arising from the management buyout of the business from McDonnell Douglas, the American aerospace group, in 1993. The management team invested almost £1 million to acquire a 15.5 per cent interest in the company.

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

WPP benefits from Saatchi's problems

Sir Michael Angus's Whitbread failed to impress the City

THE demise of **Saatchi & Saatchi**, Mrs Thatcher's favourite advertising agency, is turning out to be good news for **WPP**, its debt-laden rival.

Yesterday, as the cracks grew wider in Saatchi, the world's second largest agency, after a spate of top-level resignations, shares of WPP ended on a high note, closing 6p better at 114p as almost 3.5 million changed hands.

There was clear evidence in London of investors switching out of Saatchi and into WPP. Brokers say WPP may continue to benefit once American investors start to get the message. The feeling among traders in the Square Mile is that if the lucrative clients like British Airways, Qantas and Mars decide to dump Saatchi, they will almost certainly turn to WPP.

The Saatchi share price remained in free-fall yesterday, touching a new low of 107p before recovering a little to close a further 12p lower at 112p. Last night, analysts were huddled in meetings with the company *hoping to glean* something positive about the current crisis. In the past two days, the Saatchi share price has fallen 28p wiping more than £60 million from the group's stock market value of £308 million.

Charlie Scott is to double up as chief executive and acting chairman while Michael Bungey and Ed Wax have been elected to the board. This follows Monday's resignation of Jeremy Sinclair as acting chairman and Bill Muirhead and David Kershaw, two senior managers. Only last week, Maurice Saatchi, founder and former chairman, severed his links with the company after being forced off the board by a group of disgruntled American shareholders. Before his departure the price was trading above 150p.

The rest of the equity market endured another lacklustre performance although share prices did manage to end the day in positive territory helped by a positive start to trading on Wall Street, reflecting better than expected producer price figures showing a rise of only 0.2 per cent in December.

The FT-SE 100 index wiped out an early fall of more than 17 points to end the day 4.6 up at 3,060.4. A total of 529 million shares were traded. Once again institutional investors proved reluctant to open fresh positions.

One of the best performances of the day was recorded by **BT**, up 9p at 402p, after confirming plans to muscle in on the German telecom industry and link up with the energy group Viag.

Elsewhere among leaders, **Hanson** slipped 3p to 239p as it began a series of presentations discussing the various divisions within the group.

S G Warburg also rallied 9p to 683p after news of this week's decision to withdraw from the Eurobond market with the loss of 180 jobs.

Pict Petroleum soared 31p to 188p after agreeing terms of an all-paper offer from Premier Consolidated Oilfields valuing the entire company at £102 million.

Whitbread slipped 1p to 557p after failing to impress the City with its latest trading statement. The group, of which Sir Michael Angus is chairman, said trading over the Christmas period had *matched expectations* and was ahead of the previous year. The best performance came from Whitbread Inns, while beer volumes benefited from the take-home trade and premium brands.

The market also failed to show any enthusiasm about the update on Christmas trading from **Signet**, the jewellery chain, unchanged at 22p. The group reported a 3 per cent rise in like-for-like sales and *forecast that pre-tax profits for* the year to January 28 would be comfortably ahead of the previous £1.6 million. Brokers are forecasting in a range from £5 million to £15 million.

There was a similar message *about Christmas trading* from **Clinton Cards**, steady at 95p. Brokers have pencilled in pre-tax profits of £2.1 million for the year to March.

But there was little for shareholders to cheer at struggling **Porth** *where the price* fell ½p to 3½p after warning of significant losses at the year-end after worse than expected Christmas trading.

Jaques Vert, the womenswear group, rose 4p to 192p *after lifting full-year figures* from £833,000 to £1.36 million.

Shares of **McDonnell Information Systems**, the computer services specialist, tumbled 37p to 69p after issuing its second profits *warning since going public in* March last year. The group says that profits for the full year will be significantly below City expectations. The shares were originally floated at 260p.

Further problems at its North American operations left **Bespak** *8p lower at 280p*, with the company warning that results in the second half would also suffer. Pre-tax profits in the first half grew less than 6 per cent to £3.04 million with the interim dividend pegged at 4.2p.

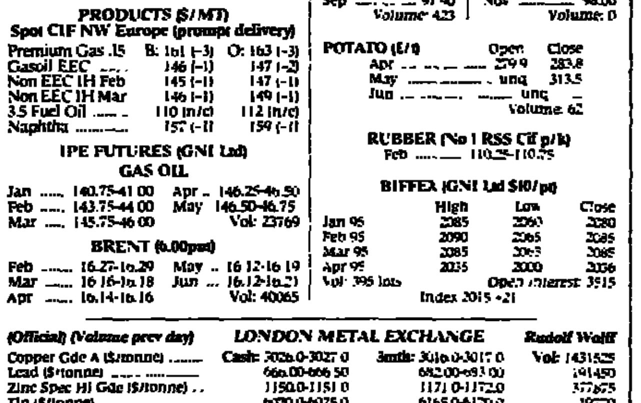
Caledonia Media, the subject of a reverse takeover of Worth Investment Trust, made an encouraging start to trading. Placed by Marshall, the broker, at 20p, shares in the cable television group opened at 24p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts recovered from a cautious start helped by the enthusiastic response to the latest US producer prices. Sentiment was also bolstered by a solid performance from German *bunds which revelled in the* Deutschmark's new found status as a safe haven.

In the futures pit, the March series of the long gilt touched £100⁵/₃₂ before rallying to close unchanged at £100²¹/₃₂ as 57,000 *contracts* were completed. At the longer end of the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 eased three ticks to £103⁵/₁₆, while at the shorter end, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was also three ticks easier at £102²³/₃₂.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares extended their gains at midday after a strong showing in the high technologies sector. The Dow Jones industrial average added 29.27 points to 3,890.62.

Cadbury Schweppes finished all-square at 430p, unperturbed **by stories in New York that it is poised to bid for the rest of Dr Pepper, of which it holds 25 per cent. Brokers in London note that, with Cadbury shares down from a peak of 540p in the past year, the group is not in a position to launch an agrressive bid.**



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	3890.62 (+29.27)
S&P Composite	464.26 (+3.43)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	19501.45 (+56.53)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	7541.72 (+12.84)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	412.96 (-1.61)

Sydney:

AO	1855.7 (-3.2)

Frankfurt:

DAX	2051.10 (-8.08)

Singapore:

Straits	2137.20 (-44.46)

Brussels:

General	7185.81 (-39.57)

Paris:

CAC-40	1859.19 (-5.03)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	646.10 (-6.80)

London:

FT 30	2353.2 (+5.2)
FT 100	3060.4 (+4.6)
FT-SE Mid 250	3471.8 (-5.3)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1312.86 (-10.78)
FT A All-Share	1516.56 (+0.97)
FT Non Financials	1647.18 (+1.40)
FT Gold Mines	221.3 (-4.2)
FT Fixed Interest	109.06 (-0.17)
FT Govt Secs	90.60 (-0.19)
Bargains	19621
SEAQ Volume	529.9m
USM (Datastrm)	149.45 (+0.02)
US$	1.5600 (+0.0053)
German Mark	2.3934 (-0.0221)
Exchange Index	79.2 (-0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2642
£:SDR	1.0695
RPI	145.3 Nov (2.6%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Asset Mngmnt Inv (100)	99	...
BSkyB	245½	-2½
British Assets Gth	62	...
Caledonian Media Wts	5½	...
Clydeport	168	...
First Russ Front ($10)	595	-5
Fleming Nat Res (100)	91	...
For & Col Emrg C (100)	94	-2
Gart Micro Uts (500)	508	...
Hill Hire	102	...
Hydro Intnl (80)	83	...
Innovative Techs (120)	123	...
Investors Capital	87½	-½
Invstrs Cap Inc An	36½	-½
Kiln Capital (100)	100	...
Lazard Birla Ida	54¼	...
Lazard Birla Ida Wts	31	...
Leg & Gen Rec (100)	97	...
MICE Group (3)	3¼	...
Mthsn Lloyds Inv (100)	85	...
Pentex Oil	110	-8
RM (175)	206	...
Residential Prop	103	...
SeaPerfect (120)	128	...
TeleWest Coms (182)	167½	-½
Wellington Under (100)	102	...
Woodchester Uts	123	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

OMI n/p (37)	2	...
Powell Duffryn n/p (440)	68	+12
Trio n/p (25)	½	-¼
Verity n/p (7½)	¼	...
Walker Grnbnk n/p (90)	6	-1

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

BOC	725p (+10p)
Booker	410p (+10p)
Haynes Pub	318p (+13p)
Thomson Corp	785p (+20p)
BT	402p (+9p)

FALLS:

Abbey	135p (-10p)
Redland	458p (-10p)
Reuters	431p (-13p)

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TEMPUS

Gold in Ghana

WHEN viewed from Ghana, the market seems to take an unfairly harsh view of Ashanti Goldfields, a company that has so far delivered on its flotation promises, with growth in production, profits and reserves. The men from Ashanti look enviously at their American rivals, which enjoy glittering stock market ratings, and wonder why investors do not accord them the same treatment.

The problem is country risk: investors like the company *but its location makes them* nervous and explains why Ashanti shares sell at 14.3 times 1995 earnings while American Barrick is on a multiple of more than 24. Ghana is the *wunderkind* of the world banking community, having taken all the medicine and turned an economic disaster area into a nation touted by the IMF as a development model. Unfortunately, that counts for little in cynical share markets that are focusing on the collapse of the Mexican economy and view all emerging markets as boom/bust stories. Even so, while Ashanti may never reach American multiples, it deserves better. The company is using its long production profile to hedge gold prices to its advantage. By using spot deferred contracts, it can *maintain* a *threshold price* at an average 6 per cent above the current market price. *If gold prices* are above the threshold, Ashanti can defer the contract to the following year and take advantage of the rising price.

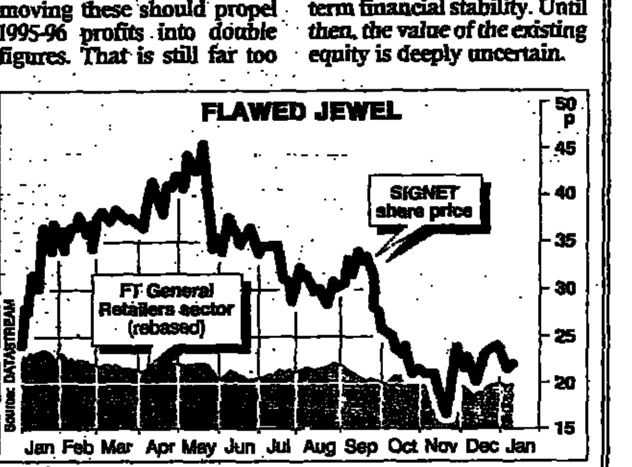
Banks do not provide hedging contracts for free, but Ashanti's huge volumes — the company has hedged 14 per cent of its reserves — enable it to keep costs to a minimum and the risk — a long-term shutdown of production — is minimal.

Signet

UNLIKE some other high street groups, Signet did not feel much cheer and good*will this Christmas. Its like-for-like* sales growth was just 3 per cent, barely ahead of inflation, as it strived to protect gross margins in a year when discounters attracted all the business.

It is hardly surprising that Signet made such a poor showing in Christmas trading, since it turned itself upside down in 1994, disposing of the Ratners and Salisburys chains. While the *remaining businesses* look more attractive, the group needs time to recover from such amputations. Signet may also simply be in the wrong business for the Nineties, the decade of grunge, where baggy jumpers are preferred to glitz.

Despite such a sluggish performance, such an outturn underpins the City's profit forecasts of about £7 million in the year to January 28. The figures will include final trading losses from Salisburys of £5 million and the carrying cost of empty Ratners shops. Removing these should propel 1995-96 profits into double figures. That is still far too little to service the preference shares, whose unpaid dividends are accruing at £30 *million a year. Signet may be* tempted to sell its US business to reduce its £400 million borrowings, but a financial reconstruction is still vital to provide long-term financial stability. Until *then, the value of the existing* equity is deeply uncertain.



Stakis

UNLIKE many of the companies that survived the recession *thanks to their* bankers, Stakis has bounced straight off the critical list into robust health without any intervening convalescence. Two years ago the group was shoring its balance sheet with a rescue rights issue and the disposal *of its nursing homes*. Today, it is one of the most active hotel companies on the stock market. It made a series of hotel and casino acquisitions last year and looks determined to find more in 1995.

Only a minority of the 115 per cent profit increase last year came from improved trading. Most came from a £6.5 million fall in interest costs thanks to a £67 million rights issue, and a £1.2 million *contribution from acquisitions*. But the majority of the £3 million underlying improvement in the profit from hotels was driven by cost control. As the figures for the first quarter of the current year show, the group's room rates and occupancy levels are improving sharply. This, *and a full contribution from* acquisitions should make 1995 another strong year.

In such circumstances, a prospective p/e ratio of 16 may look cheap. But the market is wary that Stakis will call for more equity finance to develop its hotel chain, even though it can borrow another £80 million before it hits a self-imposed borrowing limit. While such concerns remain, the shares may be more pedestrian than the bottom line.

Premier / Pict

FROM its tranquil haven in Wytch Farm, Dorset, Premier is paying a pretty price for the Scottish wild men of *Pict Petroleum who are getting* almost half the company while contributing less than 20 per cent of the reserves. To be fair, most of Premier's barrels are made up of cheaper gas and, on present values, the 25 year life of Premier's reserves carry a bigger discount than Pict's North Sea *assets which run out within* the next decade.

Matching Pict's short term cash flows to Premier's long tail of reserves is the attraction and the reason why Amerada was keen to matchmake. *The Americans* look to be the main beneficiaries of the deal having probably seen the cost of their subscription fall since December due to the increased number of shares issued by Premier. *Pict shareholders will be grateful for the premium but the merged group looks* expensive and they will be tempted to sell. Amerada believes there is money to be made out in the Asian fringe of Burma and Cambodia but for the Americans £20 million is a *small price* for a piece of Asian action with no risk to their balance sheet.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	1004-1003	May	1057-1053
May	1006-1005	Jul	1065-1061
Jul	1016-1013	Sep	1077-1075
Sep	1025-1020	Dec	1095-1086
Dec	1034-1032		
Mar	1047-1045		Volume: 6119

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	2750-2732	Sep	2745-2738
Mar	2754-2752	Nov	2760-2750
May	2738-2736	Jan	2775-2750
Jul	2730-2725		Volume: 4740

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	371.0-69.3
Spot: 420.5		Dec	364.4-61.8
Mar	420.0-18.5	Mar	360.4-56.3
May	417.0-15.5	May	360.4-54.4
Aug	401.0-99.5		Volume: 731

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 9

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	77.46	116.41	122.11
(+/-)	-3.30	-2.69	+1.17
Eng/Wales:	77.61	118.73	121.94
(+/-)	-3.15	-0.44	+1.00
(%)	+55.0	+27.0	+56.0
Scotland:	74.25	106.74	123.85
(+/-)	n/c	-9.38	n/c
(%)	n/c	n/c	n/c

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.00	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Feb)	16.25	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Mar)	16.15	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	17.45	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	17.40	-0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 161 (-3)	O: 163 (-3)
Gasoil EEC	146 (-1)	147 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Feb	145 (-1)	147 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Mar	146 (-1)	149 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	110 (n/c)	112 (n/c)
Naphtha	157 (-1)	159 (-1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)
GAS OIL

Jan	140.75-41.00	Apr	146.25-46.50
Feb	143.75-44.00	May	146.50-46.75
Mar	145.75-46.00		Vol: 23769

BRENT (6.00pm)

Feb	16.27-16.29	May	16.12-16.19
Mar	16.16-16.18	Jun	16.12-16.21
Apr	16.14-16.16		Vol: 40065

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jan	107.55	Jan	103.00
Mar	108.55	Mar	105.50
May	110.35	May	107.50
Jul	112.15	Sep	96.00
Sep	97.90	Nov	98.00
Volume: 423			Volume: 0

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	279.9	283.8
May	unq	313.5
Jun	unq	—
		Volume: 62

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Feb 110.25-110.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 95	2085	2060	2080
Feb 95	2090	2065	2085
Mar 95	2085	2063	2085
Apr 95	2035	2000	2036
Vol: 395 lots		Open interest: 3515	

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(Official) (Volume prev day)	LONDON METAL EXCHANGE		Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	Cash: 3026.0-3027.0	3mth: 3016.0-3017.0	Vol: 1431525
Lead ($/tonne)	666.00-666.50	682.00-693.00	191450
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1150.0-1151.0	1171.0-1172.0	377675
Tin ($/tonne)	6070.0-6075.0	6165.0-6170.0	19779
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	2035.0-2036.0	2065.0-2066.0	1149500
Nickel ($/tonne)	9270.0-9280.0	9430.0-9435.0	57106

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom	500	46½	58	66	0	4½	10½
(*546)	550	4½	24½	34½	8½	20	29½
Argyll	240	18	26	30	0	3½	9
(*257½)	260	3	14	20	5½	11½	18½
ASDA	60	7	8	10½	0	1	3
(*66½)	70	1	3	5	4½	6	8
Boots	460	29½	44	50½	0	6½	13½
(*489)	500	1½	17½	27½	12½	21	32½
Br Airways	360	22	36	44	1	9½	17
(*381)	390	2½	19	28	11	22½	31½
BP	420	8	23	31½	4	14½	21½
(*424½)	460	0	7½	14½	35½	40	45
Br Steel	140	8½	14½	17½	1	4	6
(*148)	160	0	5	8½	12½	14½	17
C & W	360	11½	27½	36	2½	13	21½
(*368½)	390	0½	14	22	22	30	37½
CU	490	15	27½	—	2	22	—
(*504½)	543	0½	8½	—	38½	56½	—
ICI	750	9½	30	43	9	35	41
(*751)	800	0	11½	23½	49	69½	73½
Kingfshr	420	18½	35	40½	1½	13	21½
(*436)	460	1	15½	21	24½	34	44
Land Sec	550	36	48½	56	0	6	14
(*585)	600	1½	18½	26	16	25	38
M & S	360	29	37½	43½	0	4	8½
(*388½)	390	3½	17½	24	5½	12	19
Nat West	460	28½	38½	48½	0½	16	21½
(*487½)	500	2½	17½	29½	15	38	42½
Sainsbury	390	27	40	47	0	6½	14
(*416½)	420	4	19½	29½	7	18	27
Shell	650	47½	56½	63	0	8	11
(*696½)	700	6	21½	32½	8	29	32
Smkl Bch	460	13	30	39	3	17½	25
(*469)	500	1	13	21½	31	40½	47½
Storehse	200	18	23½	28	0	2½	6½
(*217½)	220	2½	11	16	4½	9½	15
Trafalgar	70	4	8½	11	1	4	4½
(*73½)	80	0	4	6	7	9½	10½
Unilever	1150	21	51	69	6	36	48
(*1163)	1200	2	27½	46	38	66	76
Zeneca	850	36	56	69	1	23	33
(*883½)	900	4½	28	43½	19½	49½	58½
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met	360	28	39	44½	2½	8	13½
(*381½)	390	10½	21½	28	13½	20	27
Ladbroke	160	16	20½	25	1½	6½	8½
(*174)	180	4	9	15	9½	16½	18½
Utd Bisc	300	24½	30	34½	2	10	13½
(*321½)	330	9½	13	19½	13½	26	29

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	475	14½	31	—	1½	11	—
(*487)	500	2	17½	25	14	22½	29
Thames W	460	22½	37	47½	1	9	20½
(*481)	500	1½	14½	26	19½	27½	42
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAT Ind	420	35	44	48	2½	13½	21½
(*450½)	460	9½	20½	29	17½	37½	42
BTR	300	14½	21	27½	4	13½	17½
(*309)	330	2	8½	14½	22	32	35
Br Aero	409	31	44	—	6	19½	—
(*432)	448	10½	24½	—	24½	39½	—
Br Telem	390	16½	29	36	5	10½	17½
(*400½)	420	3	14	20½	21½	26	33
Cadbury	420	18	25½	32½	5½	18	21
(*430½)	460	3	9½	16½	30½	44	45½
Guinness	420	31	38	44	2½	4½	13
(*446½)	460	6½	15	23	18½	24½	32½
GEC	290	14	22½	27½	3	6½	11½
(*289½)	300	4	12	17	13	16	22
Hanson	220	21	24	27	1	3½	7
(*239½)	240	6	11½	19½	6½	11½	15
LASMO	140	6½	12	19½	3½	8½	9
(*142)	160	0½	4½	7	19	20½	21
Lucas	180	16	21	26	2	6½	9
(*193)	200	4½	10½	16	10½	16	18½
Pilkington	160	8	13	17½	3½	6	8½
(*163½)	180	1	4½	9½	17	18	21
Prudential	300	15½	21	27	4½	14	18
(*308½)	330	4	8	14	22½	33	36
Redland	420	41	48	52½	2	14½	19½
(*457½)	460	12	24	30½	14½	35½	40
R-Royce	160	10	15	18½	2½	7	10
(*166½)	180	1½	6½	10	14½	19½	21
Tesco	240	8½	15½	18	6½	12½	16½
(*241)	260	1½	6½	10	20	26	29
Vodafone	200	8½	15½	20	5½	10	13½
(*202½)	217	2½	—	—	16	—	—
Williams	300	30	36	39	1	6½	9
(*327½)	330	8	16	21	10	19½	22

FT-SE INDEX (*3059)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Jan	129	84	46½	18	5½	1½
Feb	158	121	86	56½	35½	21
Mar	179½	137½	106½	77½	56½	38½
Apr	195½	162½	133	104½	83	59½
Jun	—	190½	—	135	—	99½
Puts						
Jan	4	9	22½	48½	91	141
Feb	21½	35	51½	73½	105	144½
Mar	39½	53	73	95	124½	158½
Apr	60½	77	97	120	151½	181½
Jun	—	97½	—	141	—	197½

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Natl	420	24½	30½	37	14	21	26
(*432½)	460	6½	13½	20	40½	45½	49½
Amstrad	125	8	12½	—	5½	8½	—
(*127½)	150	1	4	—	24	25½	—
Barclays	550	50½	59	67	9½	17	25½
(*590)	600	19½	32	41	33	41	49½
Blue Circ	260	24½	29	33½	4½	12	16½
(*276½)	280	13	18½	23½	13	22	26½
Br Gas	300	16½	23½	27	6½	14	17
(*307½)	330	4½	10	13½	24½	32½	34½
Dixons	200	10	18½	22	9	13½	19
(*201½)	220	4½	10	13½	22	25	30½
Forte	240	16½	22	26½	5½	11½	14
(*248½)	260	6½	12½	17	15½	22	24½
Hillsdwn	160	19½	22	23½	1	5½	8
(*176½)	180	6	9½	12½	8	15½	18
Lonrho	140	20	25½	26½	2	4½	7
(*158½)	160	7	14	15½	9½	12½	16
Sears	100	9	11½	12	2½	5	5½
(*105½)	110	3½	6½	7	7	10½	10½
Thrn Eml	1000	55	81½	91½	14	25	40½
(*1030)	1050	26½	53	62½	36	47	64½
Tomkins	220	14	22½	25½	5½	9½	14
(*229)	240	5	13	16	16½	20	25
TSB	220	16	21	26	7	11	14
(*231)	240	6	12	17	18½	22	25
Wellcome	650	64	81	93½	16½	26	35½
(*698½)	700	33	53½	68	37½	49½	58½
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo	650	44	61½	78½	0½	19	27½
(*693)	700	7½	32½	51½	14	41½	52½
HSBC	650	32	54	64	2	25	36½
(*679½)	700	4	27½	40	24	53	64
Reuter	420	14½	29	39	2	16	20
(*431)	460	1	12½	21½	29	39	43
	Series	Feb	May	Jul	Feb	May	Jul
Royal Ins	260	21½	27½	32	3½	11½	13½
(*277)	280	10	17	21½	11	21½	23½
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Fisons	110	10	14	17	6½	10½	12
(*111)	120	6	10	13	12½	16½	17½
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Eastern Gp	750	28½	55	69½	19½	35	50
(*765½)	800	8½	32½	46½	50½	62½	75½
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr	460	36½	40	54½	7	17	23
(*484)	500	14½	27½	34	25	37	42½
Scot Pwr	330	20	32½	38	11½	18	25
(*342½)	360	7½	19	24½	28	34½	41½

January 10, 1995 Tot: 32366 Call: 14732 Put: 17634 FT-SE Call: 5232 Put: 4478
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 58992	Mar 95	3062.0	3090.0	3046.0	3086.0	11689
	Jun 95	3064.0	3064.0	3064.0	3098.5	201
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 3965	Mar 95				3500.0	0
	Jun 95					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 413877	Mar 95	92.72	92.77	92.70	92.76	25817
	Jun 95	91.98	92.03	91.96	92.03	18448
	Sep 95	91.50	91.52	91.46	91.52	8090
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 2074	Mar 95	92.93	92.93	92.93	92.99	100
	Jun 95				92.27	0
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 656968	Mar 95	94.54	94.62	94.53	94.62	45219
	Jun 95	94.06	94.18	94.06	94.16	48964
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 95770	Mar 95	100-20	100-24	100-05	100-21	57252
	Jun 95				100-28	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 95	108.00	108.04	107.96	108.00	2200
	Jun 95	107.31	107.31	107.30	107.38	47
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 186663	Mar 95	88.40	89.16	88.35	89.12	182359
	Jun 95	88.00	88.56	88.00	88.55	245
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 19567	Mar 95	93.28	93.32	93.22	93.32	2841
	Jun 95	92.78	92.85	92.74	92.83	641
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 35566	Mar 95	95.60	95.71	95.60	95.70	6636
	Jun 95	95.28	95.39	95.28	95.38	1390
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 45917	Mar 95	97.20	97.63	96.87	97.48	35411
	Jun 95				96.78	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¼ Finance Hse 6¾
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 6 Week fixed: 6
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6⅛; 3 mth 6¼. Sell: 2 mth 6; 3 mth: 6⅛.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5²⁹⁄₃₂	6¼-6⅛	6⅝-6⁹⁄₁₆	6⅞-6¾	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅛-6	6⅜-6¼	6⅝-6½	7⅛-6¹⁵⁄₁₆	7¹³⁄₁₆-7¹¹⁄₁₆
Interbank:	6⅛-6	6⅜-6¼	6⅝-6½	7⅛-6¹⁵⁄₁₆	7¹³⁄₁₆-7¹¹⁄₁₆

Overnight: open 6¼, close 6.

Local Authority Deps:	6	n/a	6½	6¹⁵⁄₁₆	7¹¹⁄₁₆
Sterling CDs:	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⁵⁄₁₆-6¼	6⅝-6⁹⁄₁₆	7-6⅞	7⅞-7¹¹⁄₁₆
Dollar CDs:	5.75-5.72	n/a	6.25-6.22	6.77-6.74	7.60-6.57
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-6	6⅜-6¼	6⅝-6½	7⅛-6¹⁵⁄₁₆	7¹³⁄₁₆-7¾

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Dec 30, 1994 Agreed rates Jan 25, 1995 to Feb 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.71 %. Reference rate Dec 1, 1994 to Dec 30, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 6.402 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	6⅜-6¼	6⅞-6¾	5¼-4¾
Deutschemark:	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4¹³⁄₁₆	5-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5⅛-5	5⅝-5½	5¼-4¾
French Franc:	5⅞-5⁹⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5¹³⁄₁₆	6⅞-6¾	6-5
Swiss Franc:	3⅞-3¾	3¹⁵⁄₁₆-3¹³⁄₁₆	4⅛-3¹⁵⁄₁₆	4½-4⅜	4¼-3¼
Yen:	2⅛-2	2⅛-2⅛	2⅜-2¼	2⅝-2½	2⅛-1½

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $374.00-374.40 Close: $374.10-374.60 High: $374.40-374.90
Low: $372.70-373.20 AM: $374.10 PM: $374.10

Krugerrand: $373.75-375.75 (£240.00-242.00)

Platinum: $406.50 (£261.80) **Silver:** $4.67 (£2.995) **Palladium:** $154.90 (£99.25)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 10	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6836-2.6946	2.6886-2.6920	¼-⅛pr	⅝-½pr
Brussels	49.29-49.53	49.35-49.45	6-2pr	18-11pr
Copenhagen	9.4330-9.4690	9.4490-9.4640	⅝-⅛pr	1⅝-⅞pr
Dublin	1.0075-1.0110	1.0078-1.0106	4-1pr	6-1pr
Frankfurt	2.3939-2.4033	2.3977-2.4009	¼-⅛pr	⅝-½pr
Lisbon	247.18-248.19	247.54-248.18	83-92ds	250-276ds
Madrid	208.53-209.37	208.53-208.83	52-63ds	134-168ds
Milan	2532.50-2538.00	2533.50-2536.80	5-8ds	16-20ds
Montreal	2.1952-2.2024	2.1993-2.2024	0.04pr-par	0.02-0.10ds
New York	1.5574-1.5624	1.5574-1.5584	0.03-0.02pr	0.05-0.03pr
Oslo	10.4820-10.5210	10.5060-10.5210	⅞-¼pr	2⅝-1⅝pr
Paris	8.2700-8.3090	8.2730-8.2870	⅞-⅜pr	1⅞-⅞pr
Stockholm	11.6410-11.7780	11.7540-11.7780	1⅛-2⅛ds	4⅛-5⅛ds
Tokyo	156.28-156.92	156.28-156.53	⅝-⅜pr	1⅝-1⅜pr
Vienna	16.84-16.93	16.85-16.88	1⅞-1pr	6-4⅛pr
Zurich	2.0025-2.0140	2.0059-2.0088	½-⅜pr	1⅜-1⅛pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3048-1.3056
Austria	10.81-10.82
Belgium (Com)	31.62-31.64
Canada	1.4107-1.4112
Denmark	6.0627-6.0647
France	5.3025-5.3035
Germany	1.5375-1.5380
Hong Kong	7.7610-7.7620
Ireland	1.5426-1.5436
Italy	1624.0-1626.0
Japan	100.33-100.38
Malaysia	2.5530-2.5540
Netherlands	1.7234-1.7244
Norway	6.7365-6.7385
Portugal	158.90-159.00
Singapore	1.4508-1.4578
Spain	133.85-133.95
Sweden	7.4990-7.5090
Switzerland	1.2880-1.2890

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5596-1.5622
Australia dollar	2.0379-2.0398
Bahrain dinar	0.582-0.594
Brazil real*	1.3145-1.3185
Cyprus pound	0.734-0.744
Finland markka	7.3850-7.5010
Greece drachma	368.50-375.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.1010-12.1064
India rupee	48.51-49.47
Kuwait dinar KD	0.462-0.472
Malaysia ringgit	3.9806-3.9835
Mexico peso	n/a
New Zealand dollar	2.4351-2.4378
Pakistan rupee	47.60 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7925-5.9185
Singapore dollar	2.2610-2.2640
S Africa rand (fin)	6.3783-6.4137
S Africa rand (com)	5.5100-5.5159
U A E dirham	5.6700-5.7940

Barclays Bank GTS • Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	698	Legal & Gn	363
ASDA Gp	6,000	Lloyds Bk	1,900
Abbey Natl	2,400	MEPC	625
Allied Dom	2,900	Marks Spr	3,500
Argyll Gp	2,200	NatWst Bk	5,400
Arjo Wiggn	2,400	Nat Power	2,400
AB Foods	15	Nth Wst W	1,200
BAA	942	P & O	942
BAT Inds	3,800	Pearson	1,600
BOC	1,400	PowerGen	1,500
BP	3,000	Prudential	3,500
BTR	9,200	RMC	68
BT	17,000	RTZ	2,900
Bk of Scot	1,700	Rank Org	3,200
Barclays	5,700	Reckitt Col	2,200
Bass	1,800	Redland	761
Blue Circle	1,500	Reed Intl	1,500
Boots	1,900	Rentokil	780
Bowater	1,200	Reuters	8,300
Brit Aero	1,300	Rolls Royce	5,300
Brit Airwys	2,700	Ryl Ins	2,200
Brit Gas	8,800	Ryl Bk Scot	2,600
Brit Steel	11,000	Sainsbury	2,700
Burmah Cstl	321	Schroders	228
Cable Wire	3,700	Scot & New	531
Cadbury	2,800	Scot Power	1,100
Caradon	951	Sears	3,000
Carlton Cms	479	Svrn Trent	328
Cm Union	1,700	Shell Trans	2,200
Courtaulds	1,100	Siebe	1,200
De La Rue	1,200	SmKl Bch	3,700
Eastern Elec	230	Smith Nph	104
Enterpr Oil	2,800	Southern Elec	540
Forte	1,700	Std Chartd	2,200
GKN	2,100	*Sun Alliance*	899
GRE	559	TI Gp	384
GUS	123	TSB	3,000
Gen Acc	318	Tesco	4,700
Gen Elec	8,300	Thames W	1,200
Glaxo	6,400	Thrn EMI	235
Granada	2,000	Tomkins	9,100
Grand Met	10,000	Unilever	1,100
Guinness	3,000	Utd Bisc	1,800
HSBC	2,100	Vodafone	7,400
Hanson	12,000	Warburg	1,800
ICI	3,600	Wellcome	1,300
Inchcape	611	Whitbread	776
Kingfisher	1,100	Wlms Hld	4,200
Ladbroke	4,000	Wolseley	475
Land Secs	365	Zeneca	1,800

WALL STREET

	Jan 10 midday	Jan 9 close
AMP Inc	73½	72½
AMR Corp	57½	56½
AT & T	48½	48½
Abbott Labs	31½	31½
Advanced Micro	29½	28½
Aetna Life	48½	47½
Ahmanson (HF)	16½	16½
Air Prod & Chem	45½	45
Albertson's	29½	29½
Alcan Alumnm	26½	26½
Alco Standard	64	64½
Allied Signal	34½	34½
Alum Co of Am	89	88½
Amax Gold Inc	5	5
Amerada Hess	44½	44½
Amer Brands	37½	37
Amer El Power	33½	33½
Amer Express	29½	29½
Amer Genl Corp	28½	28½
Amer Home Pr	63½	63½
Amer Intl	98½	97½
Amer Stores	26½	26½
Ameritech	40½	40½
Amoco	59½	59½
Anheuser-Busch	53	52½
Apple Computer	43½	41½
Archer Daniels	20½	19½
Armco	6½	6½
Armstrng Wrld	44½	42½
Asarco	28½	28½
Ashland Oil	33½	33½
Atl Richfield	102	102
Auto Data Pro	59½	58½
Avery Dennison	34	33½
Avon Products	58½	58½
Baker Hughes	18	18½
Baltim Gas & El	22½	22½
Banc One	26½	26
BankAmerica	41½	41½
Bank of NY	30½	29½
Bankers Tr NY	57½	57½
Barnett Banks	40	39½
Bausch & Lomb	35½	35½
Baxter Intl	28	28½
Becton Dicknsn	50	49½
Bell Atlantic	49½	49½
BellSouth	54½	54½
Black & Decker	24½	23½
Block (H&R)	36½	36
Boeing	48	47½
Boise Cascade	29½	28½
Borden Inc	13	13½
Bristol Myrs Sq	58½	58½
Browning Ferris	28½	27½
Brunswick	19½	19½
Burlington Nthn	51½	51½
CBS	58	58½
CNA Financial	65	65
CPC Intl	52½	51½
CSX	74½	74½
Campbell Soup	43½	43½
Can Pacific	14½	14½
Cptl Cities ABC	85½	85½
Carolina Pwr	26½	26½
Caterpillar	58½	57½
Central & SW	22½	22½
Champion Intl	40	39½
Chase Manhtn	34½	34½
Chemical Bk	37½	37½
Chevron Corp	44½	44½
Chrysler	52½	52½
Chubb Corp	77½	76½
Cigna Corp	62½	63
Citicorp	42	41½
Clorox	56	56½
Coastal Corp	26½	26½
Coca Cola	49½	49½
Colgate-Palmolive	59½	59½
Columbia Gas	24½	24½
Compaq Comp	41½	39½
Comp Ass Int	50½	48½
Conagra	31½	30½
Cons Edison	26½	26½
Cons Nat Gas	35½	35½
Cons Rail	55½	54½
Cooper Inds	34½	35½
Corning Inc	31	30½
Crown Cork	38½	38½
Dana Corp	25½	25½
Dayton Hudson	68½	68½
Deere	68½	68
Delta Air Lines	52½	51½
Deluxe Corp	27½	27
Detroit Edison	26½	26½
Digital Equip	35½	34½
Dillard Dept St	26½	27
Disney (Walt)	45½	45½
Dominion Res	35½	35½
Donelley (RR)	29½	29½
Dover Corp	55½	55½
Dow Chemical	70½	69½
Dow Jones	31½	31½
Dresser	19½	19½
Duke Power	38½	38½
Dun & Brdstreet	54½	54½
Du Pont	56½	55½
Eastman Kodak	47½	47½
Eaton Corp	52	50½
Emerson Elec	63½	63½
Engelhard Corp	24½	24½

	Jan 10 midday	Jan 9 close
Enron Corp	29½	29½
Entergy	22½	22½
Ethyl Corp	10½	10½
Exxon	61½	60½
FMC Corp	58½	58½
FPL Group	34½	34½
Federal Express	61½	61
Fed Nat Mtge	76½	76½
First Chicago	47½	46½
First Interstate	70	69½
First Union Rlty	7½	7½
Fleet Finl Grp	34½	33½
Fluor Corp	47½	46½
Ford Motor	28½	28½
GTE Corp	30½	30½
Gannett	51½	52½
Gap Inc Del	31½	30½
Gen Dynamics	43½	43½
Gen Electric	51½	50½
Gen Mills	57	56½
Gen Motors	42½	43
Gen Reinsurance	124½	123½
Gen Signal	33½	32½
Genuine Parts	36½	36½
Georgia Pac	76½	76½
Gillette	72½	72½
Glaxo ADR	20½	20½
Goodrich (BF)	44½	44
Goodyear Tire	36½	36½
Grace (WR)	40½	39½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	20	19½
Great Wstn Fin	16½	16½
Halliburton	34½	35
Harcourt General	34½	34½
Heinz (HJ)	38½	39½
Hercules	118½	116½
Hershey Foods	49½	49
Hewlett Packard	103	101½
Hilton Hotels	67½	67
Home Depot	45½	45½
Homestake Mng	15½	15½
Honeywell	33½	34½
Household Intl	37½	37½
Houston Inds	36½	35½
Humana	23½	22½
ITT Corp	88½	87½
Illinois Tool	43½	42½
Illinova	21½	21½
INCO	29½	28½
Ingersoll Rand	33½	33½
Inland Steel	36½	36½
Intel Corp	66½	66
IBM	76½	75½
Intl Flav & Fr	46	45½
Intl Paper	78½	77½
James River Va	21	21
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	55½	55½
Kellogg	57½	57½
Kerr-McGee	44½	44½
Kimberly-Clark	49½	49½
Kmart	13½	13½
Knight-Ridder	52½	52½
Lilly (Eli)	64½	64½
Limited Inc	17½	18
LIN Brdcstng	131½	131½
Lincoln Nat	35	34½
Litton	35½	36
Liz Claiborne	17½	17½
Lockheed	75½	74½
Louisiana Pac	29½	28½
MCI Comm	19	18½
Marriott Int	28½	28½
Marsh & McLnn	78½	77½
Masco Corp	23½	23½
May Dept St	33½	33½
Maytag Corp	15½	15½
McDonalds	29½	29
McDonnell D	48½	47½
McGraw Hill	66½	66½
Mead Corp	52½	52½
Medtronic	55½	54½
Mellon Bk	32½	32
Melville Corp	31½	31½
Merck Inc	36½	36½
Merrill Lynch	36½	35½
Minnesota Mine	53½	53½
Mobil Corp	84½	85½
Monsanto	69½	69
Morgan (JP)	57½	57½
Motorola Inc	61½	59½
Natl Medical	14½	14½
Natl Semi	20½	19½
Natl Service Ind	25½	25½
Navistar Int	16½	16½
NBD Bancorp	28½	28½
NY Times A	22½	22½
Newmont Mng	34½	34½
Nlag Mohawk	14½	14½
Nike B	72½	71½
NL Industries	12½	12½
Noram Energy	5½	5½
Nordstrom	42½	42½
Norfolk Sthrn	63½	62½
Nthn States Pwr	44½	44½
Norwest Corp	23½	22½
Nynex Corp	37	37
Occidental Pet	19½	19½
Ohio Edison	19	19
Oracle Systems	44½	44½
Oryx Energy Co	11½	11½

	Jan 10 midday	Jan 9 close
Owens Corning	32½	32½
PNC Financial	21½	22
PPG Industries	39½	38½
Paccar Inc	48	47½
Pacificorp	18½	18½
Pac Enterprises	21½	21½
Pac Gas & Elect	24½	24½
Pac Telesis	28½	28½
Pall Corp	19½	18½
Panhandle East	20	20
Parker Hannifin	47½	47½
Peco Energy	24½	24½
Penney (JC)	42½	42½
Pennzoil	44	43½
Pepsico	34½	34½
Pfizer	75½	74½
Phelps Dodge	61½	60½
Philip Morris	57½	57½
Phillips Pet	31½	31
Pitney Bowes	31½	31½
Polaroid	30½	32½
PriceCostco	12½	12½
Procter & Gmbl	61½	60½
Providian	32½	32
Pub Serv E & G	26½	26½
Quaker Oats	32	32½
Ralston Purina	44½	44½
Raychem Corp	35½	35½
Raytheon	64½	64½
Reebok Intl	38½	38½
Reynolds Metals	52½	52
Roadway Srvcs	53½	53½
Rockwell Intl	36½	35½
Rohm & Haas	59	57½
Royal Dutch	108½	108½
Rubbermaid	27½	28
Safeco Corp	51½	51½
St Paul's Cos	44½	44½
Salomon Inc	38½	38½
Santa Fe Pac	17½	11
Sara Lee Corp	25½	25½
Scecorp	15½	15½
Schering Plough	73½	73
Schlumberger	52	52½
Scott Paper	70½	70
Seagram	29½	29½
Sears Roebuck	47½	46½
Shell Trans	65	64½
Sherwin Wlms	32½	32½
Skyline Corp	18½	18½
Snap-On-Tools	32½	33
Southern Co	20½	19½
Sthwestern Bell	40½	40½
Sprint Corp	27	27½
Stanley Works	37½	36½
Sun Company	29½	29½
Sun Microsys	35½	35½
Suntrust	47½	47½
Supervalu	23½	23
Sysco Corp	25½	25
TRW Inc	65	64½
TCC Inds	3	3
Tandem Comp	18	18
Tandy Corp	49½	49
Teledyne	21½	21½
Temple Inland	49½	49½
Tenneco	42½	42½
Texaco	60½	60½
Texas Inst	73½	71½
Texas Utilities	33½	33
Textron	49½	48½
Time Warner	34½	34
Times-Mirror	31½	31½
Timken	35½	35½
Torchmark	35½	35
Toys R Us	30½	29½
Transamerica	51½	51½
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UAL	94½	93½
USX Marathon	16½	16½
Unicom	24½	25
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Union Camp	49½	49
Union Carbide	29½	29½
Union Pacific	48½	47½
Unisys Corp	9½	9½
USAIR Group	4½	4½
USF&G Corp	14½	14½
US Life	35½	35½
US West	36	36
United Tech	64½	63½
Unocal Corp	26½	26½
Upjohn	30½	30½
VF Corp	47½	48½
WMX Tech	27½	27½
Wal-Mart Stores	21½	21½
Warner-Lambert	76½	76½
Wells Fargo	150½	149
Westinghouse El	12½	12½
Weyerhaeuser	41	40½
Whirlpool	50½	50½
Whitman	16½	16½
Winn Dixie	52½	52
Woolworth	16½	15½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	48½	47½
Xerox	99½	98½
Yellow Corp	21½	21½

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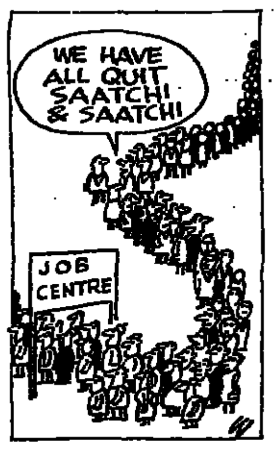
THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Japan gets the yen for Rover

ROVER, whose persistent success reinforces the view that BMW, the Bavarian carmaker, picked up the British company at a bargain price, is busy conquering Japan, according to the Japanese Automobile Importers Association. Of the 23,219 vehicles Japan imported from Britain last year, almost 19,000 came from Rover, an increase of 34.5 per cent on 1993. Indeed, the familiar Viking ship marque outgrew imports from its Munich parent. BMW imports, to the not easily penetrated Japanese market, rose by a humble 12.2 per cent. Given the performance of his British subsidiary, Bernd Pischetsrieder, the *BMW* chief who outmanoeuvred Honda to secure Rover, can well afford an inscrutable smile.

Warburg leavers

WHILE its fixed interest division is looking for 180 people to sack, SG Warburg has found itself with three unexpected vacancies in its media team, rated number two in the Extel annual poll of investors. Analysts Lorna Tilbian and and Paul Richards are, I hear, joining rival broker Panmure Gordon together with specialist salesman Jeremy Lewis. Tilbian and Richards will be taking three months gardening leave, while Panmure hopes to have Lewis manning a telephone by the end of this month.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JOB CENTRE

Golden fleecing

HEADS of privatised companies, who have suffered a public outcry over their high salaries and generous share option packages, may not be pleased to learn there is now a term for such financial excesses. It is "golden fleecing", according to the latest edition of Corben's *Glossary of Financial and Investment Terms*. The term is not thought to refer to Jason and the Argonauts, either. Other exotic terms include "Zateiku", a form of Japanese financial engineering, and "Purgatory and Hell", a descriptive name for a bond issue whose redemption proceeds depend on the foreign exchange value of a separate currency.

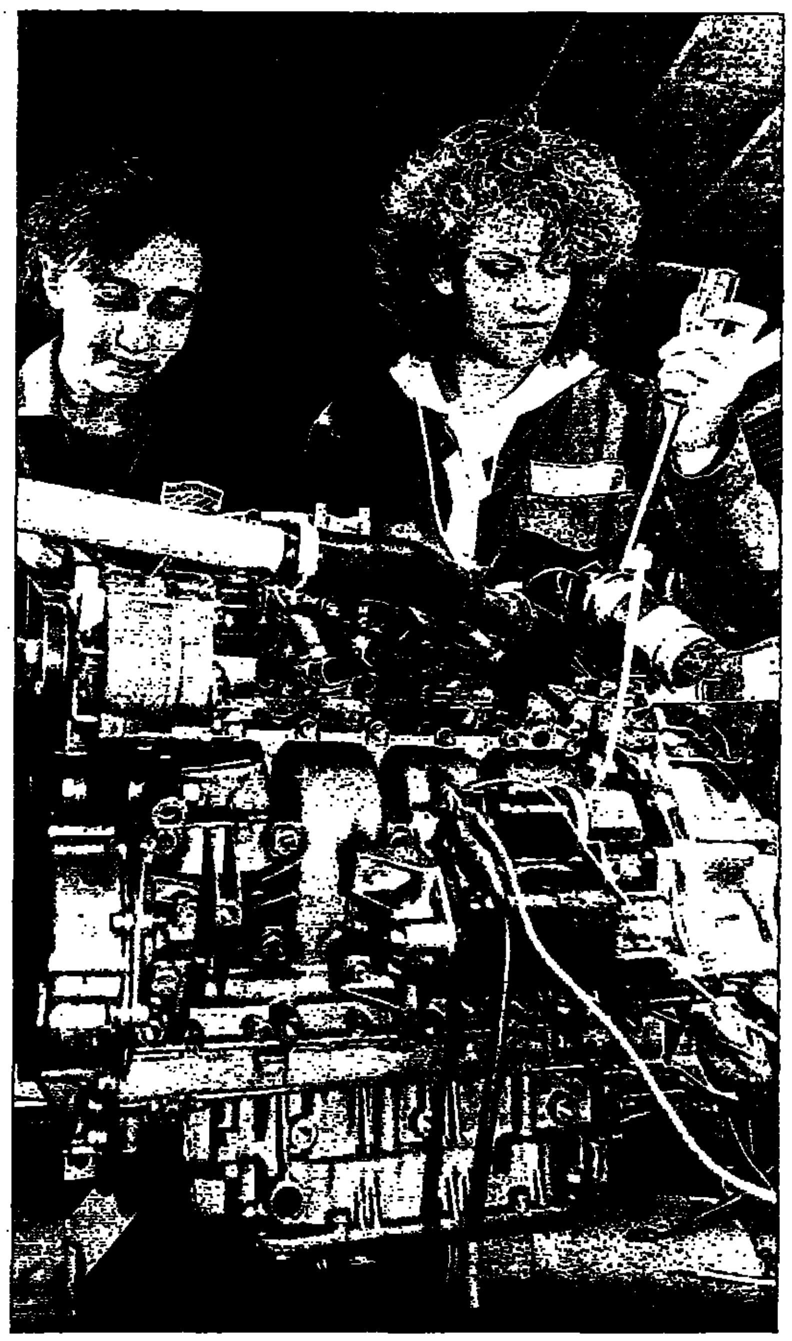
Vikings ahoy

COULD the Norwegians, after delivering a "no" to membership of the European Union, finally be thinking of joining forces with Opec? Word from the Gulf has it that Jens Stoltenberg, Norway's youthful oil minister, has agreed with Ahmad Bin Said al-Badi, his UAE counterpart, to increase cooperation with oil producers and consumers to stabilise world prices. Yesterday he ruled out any immediate cut in Norwegian production, but left *the option* open for the future. Norway, whose oil output climbed to a record 2.80 million barrels per day last month, is set to overtake Iran this year to become the world's number 2 exporter behind Saudi Arabia. Norway, like Britain, has long resisted the charms of Opec's leaky cartel. However, if Oslo were to reverse its stance, the oil market might start to sit up.

COLIN NARBROUGH

Minimum wage is no route to maximum employment

Phillip Oppenheim argues the case against setting a national base-line for rates of pay



Nice work: the OECD believes minimum wages hit the young hardest

A great deal has recently been said and written about low pay and a national minimum wage. Much of the output has come from politicians and pressure groups such as the Low Pay Unit, but Graham Searjeant's article in this paper on January 5 was especially *interesting*.

With Labour committed to a national minimum wage it is time to consider the real issues behind the rhetoric.

There is some common ground in the debate. Regardless of political party, we all want to see sustainable improvements in the living standards of *all* of our people, particularly the less well-off. And of course, we all want to see a high income, high skill economy with low unemployment and low inflation. But how can we achieve that?

In a world where brains rather than brawn are the key to economic prosperity, it is important to educate and train people better. Hence the huge effort the Government has invested in these areas in recent years. That, allied to labour market improvements and to fiscal and monetary policies designed to produce stable, non-inflationary growth, is the best way to improve people's living standards in a sustainable way.

The most usually deployed arguments for a national minimum wage are that it would address the issue of low pay directly, and ensure that everyone in work at least got a basic level of pay; that poverty would be reduced and that there would be a fairer balance between employer and employee, with little or no effect on jobs.

In support of the latter argument, some people point to other developed countries which have minimum wage structures without any apparent ill-effect on jobs. Unfortunately, such broad-brush statements hide a multitude of problems. Take the United States, which has sustained a high level of job creation despite having a minimum wage. In fact, the federal minimum wage is set at a low level, relative to US wages. Indeed, it has not been raised at all over long periods — including the years since President Clinton came to power committed to raising the level.

The United States' better job creation record, compared with most European countries, has more to do with its more flexible labour market. Indeed the US Labour Secretary recently said he would not raise the minimum wage because it might "inadvertently dampen employment growth".

European countries such as France, Belgium and The Netherlands have minimum wages which are high relative to average earnings. But Britain achieved a faster rate of employment growth over the full economic cycle (1979-90) than those countries; and they have higher rates of youth unemployment than the UK — nearly twice as high in France.

This, surely, is the key point. You cannot artificially raise wages for some groups of workers, regardless of productivity, without having an effect on employment levels. Study after study has backed that up, including the National Institute of Economic and Social Research, the OECD and the IMF. Even the EC Commission's own Competitiveness White Paper indicates sympathy with that view.

The OECD has concluded that minimum wages hit the young particularly hard. In a free labour market, employers may choose to take them on at lower wages to compensate for the fact that they are less productive and need *training*. Faced with an across-the-board minimum wage, the scope to do so is reduced.

With a minimum wage, moreover, workers higher up the pay ladder will push to restore differentials. Union leaders from Sir Gavin Laird to Bill Jordan have warned that they would expect differentials to be maintained. Lord Healey recently remarked: "Don't kid yourselves — the minimum wage is something on which the unions will build differentials. Therefore the minimum wage becomes a floor on which you erect a new tower." For that reason, the minimum wage was rejected by former Labour governments.

If a minimum wage in the UK were set at a level where it would have some impact, the subsequent struggle to restore differentials would destroy jobs, and lead to wage-price inflation.

Another argument used to support the minimum wage is that it is a better way of alleviating poverty than the social security system. Some people suggest that in-work benefits, such as Family Credit, make the taxpayer *subsidise low wages paid by unscrupulous* employers. In fact, as in-work benefits are carefully targeted on heads of household who have children to feed, comparatively few employees will receive them. Survey evidence indicates that employers do not set wages taking into account in-work benefits.

Moreover, those in lower paid employment do not generally live in low income households. Typically, they live in households where there are other sources of income, such as another earner. In fact, nearly half of employees in the bottom 10 per cent of earnings live in households in the top half of income distribution. That is why the Institute for Fiscal Studies found that a minimum wage would help the richest 30 per cent of households more than the poorest 30 per cent.

People who are not the principal breadwinner want the chance to contribute income to the household. A minimum wage could destroy their jobs, making those households poorer; joblessness is a much more significant cause of poverty than low wages.

There is too much rhetoric about workers earning only 80p or £1 an hour. But, in fact, only 0.4 per cent of full timers and 4 per cent of part-timers earn less than £2.60 an hour.

Furthermore, despite all the talk of the widening gap between rich and poor, workers at the lower end have seen a significant real improvement in living standards since 1979. A full-time male employee in the bottom 10 per cent of earnings has seen his real take-home pay increase 23 per cent since 1979, whereas it fell under the last Labour government. Low paid women have generally seen more significant pay increases; indeed, the gap between men's and women's pay has been reduced to its lowest ever level; and, contrary to what Graham Searjeant implied, the pay of workers formerly covered by wages councils has risen faster than for other workers.

The route to sustainable, better-paid jobs lies not in increasing pay regardless of productivity: but rather in improving the productivity of the workforce through enhanced education and training, allied to monetary and fiscal policies which will provide non-inflationary economic growth. That is not a political quick-fix. It is a responsible, long-term policy designed to turn around decades of relative decline.

That we have achieved success is already indicated by the fact that while in the 1960s and 1970s Britain was bottom or near to the bottom of the league of major industrial countries in growth of manufacturing, overall output, manufacturing productivity and inflation, the 1980s were the first decade when we performed at least as well as the average, and in the case of manufacturing productivity growth as well as the best. That record has been sustained into the 1990s with record low inflation, falling unemployment and rapidly rising manufacturing output and exports.

The result has been a real improvement in earnings — *at all levels* — since 1979. The UK is currently the only European Union country where unemployment is below average *and* has fallen over the past year. We must continue to strive to improve the lot of the less well off. The minimum wage is a dangerous delusion which could blow Britain off the road to prosperity at just the time when the hard work is beginning to pay off and our prospects are so bright.

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ANTHONY HARRIS

Through a hedge backwards

After Hammersmith Council, Procter & Gamble, Allied Lyons, and — biggest and latest — Mr Citron of Orange County, everyone knows about derivatives and their misuse. The victims start with legitimate insurance, hedging risks that they wish to avoid. Then they find they have made a profit, and fancy they have struck gold. Why stop at mere insurance? Rightly is it called Procter & Gamble (or substitute your own joke). Result: ruin. So when Metallgesellschaft was forced last September to admit that MG Refining and Marketing, Inc., (MGRM), its US subsidiary, had lost $1.3 billion in derivatives, those who noticed simply nodded sagely. The only surprise was that the Germans had fallen for it.

However, Professor Franklin R. Edwards of Columbia University decided to look deeper; and what emerged at a London School of Economics conference before Christmas was a very different story. MGRM had not been gambling, but using what it believed was a sophisticated hedge against the risk involved in writing fixed-price energy supply contracts. The risk (rising oil prices) has not yet appeared, so the hedge proved costly. Still, low prices should mean higher profits on the supply business; at the end of the day, says Edwards, MGRM may still show a large profit. But it will be after deep disgrace, and under new management.

Three things went wrong. First, MGRM fell into a technical trap, which caused a giant cash flow problem. Second, under German (but not American) accounting rules, it had to report this deficiency as a loss; but it could not claim the profits still expected. In this accounting sense, it was bankrupt, which is against German company law, and had to be bailed. Third, nobody had advised the parent board of the inherent risk: the sack first, painful explanations later. News of the dismissals panicked its American banks, who called in loans early.

Yet it was all meant to be prudent. MGRM is mainly in the energy business, and had a great success marketing long-term fixed-price supply contracts. It was committed in the end to supplying about 160 million barrels of gasoline and heating oil over the next ten years, at a price about $5 a barrel more than the market price at the time of contract — a prospective profit of $800 million if the price did not move (more at current prices). Nice business, but too risky; MGRM hedged its own exposure to rising prices in the derivatives market. There is no adequate market, though, in long oil futures; the trick could only be done by buying near oil, and rolling over.

This looked quite attractive: the market pattern, at least till MGRM came along, was for the market to be in backwardation — that is to say, that the value of contract rose toward maturity; so the roll-over itself should be profitable.

It didn't work like that. Perhaps because the price was weak, or perhaps simply because of the scale of MGRM's buying, the market tipped into contango, with the price falling towards maturity. So the contracts were not only losers in themselves as prices fell; the rollover was expensive. And these short contracts had to be settled right away, not over the ten years of the supply agreements. The cash gap explains itself.

The morals? First, it seems inconsistent to get into the business of shouldering the risks its customers wanted to avoid (for a handsome margin) and then try to pass the parcel: the whole flow was hedged, and a bit more. Second, MGRM should have realised that it was something of an elephant in a rowing boat: the market was bound to tip under its weight. Third, the accountants should have spotted the danger of short-term losses under German rules. Above all, though, the local management should have explained everything to its parent. Sophisticated techniques are for sophisticates: otherwise safety can be downright dangerous.

Eric Reguly reports on BT's European ambition

Venturing into German territory

Party line: Sir Iain Vallance now regards the whole of Europe as BT's home market

British Telecom was bubbling over with excitement yesterday when it announced it had established its mainland European beachhead through a new joint venture with Viag, the German industrial group.

The venture, known as Viag InterKom, has enormous potential. The Continent is BT's next frontier and if the company's visionaries have got it right, it will become its most important market in the next decade or so. Sir Iain Vallance, BT's chairman, said: "We now view the whole of Europe as our home market and this represents BT's single largest investment outside the UK."

But it is also possible that Viag InterKom could become an also-ran. Deutsche Telekom, the state-owned telecommunications conglomerate that will be privatised in 1996, two years before Europe's telecoms markets must be deregulated, will not give up its dominance without a fight. It currently controls about 95 per cent of the £29-billion market.

Just look at the BT example. Ten years ago, when BT was privatised, there was talk that Mercury Communications and other competitors would break its stranglehold on every segment of the telecoms business in short order. The pundits were wrong. Competition has increased, but BT, through price-cutting, innovation, improved service and sheer muscle, has managed to retain at least 85 per cent of the overall market.

"I think we will have the same experience in Germany as BT had in the UK," said Christian Erhard, spokesman in Munich for Northern Telecom, the Canadian phone-equipment group that yesterday announced an alliance with Daimler-Benz Aerospace to make switching and transmission systems.

Deutsche Telekom's own forecasts are rosy. In the year 2000, two years after it is scheduled to lose its domestic voice and network monopoly, it expects to have turnover of DM80 billion and pre-tax profits of DM12.5 billion. It expects turnover to fall by only 10 per cent, to DM72 billion, if it loses its voice and network monopoly in 1996 instead. Profits would fall to DM6.5 billion. "The role of Deutsche Telekom will be very big in either scenario," Dr Erhard said.

Deutsche Telekom is not the only threat to Viag InterKom. It faces competition from all the other partnerships that have Deutsche Telekom's plump hindquarters in their rifle sights. The German industrial conglomerate Veba, through its telecoms subsidiary Vebacom, has already served notice that it intends to become Deutsche Telekom's main rival once the entry barriers are broken down. Other powerful contenders include RWE and Preussen-Elektra, Germany's biggest electric utilities. Even the German railways have plans to find a public telecoms use for their vast communications network.

BT and Viag, however, can not be ruled out as viable competitors. "I wouldn't be pessimistic," said Laurence Heyworth, an analyst with Robert Fleming. "BT seems to have developed surefootedness. They have a keen sense of the art of the possible."

Its confidence is based on a decade of competing successfully in Europe's first deregulated phone market. That expertise, analysts said, will be valuable in Germany.

Perhaps more importantly, BT has some powerful alliances of its own that it can put to good use. It owns 20 per cent of MCI, America's second-largest long-distance carrier. BT and MCI together have a joint venture called Concert, which provides corporations with advanced telecoms services. BT said the Viag InterKom joint venture will "retail" Concert's range of services.

Viag, for its part, brings two important assets to the table. It is one of Germany's largest industrial conglomerates and it has a lot of political clout. The joint venture will need that influence when it applies for a full telecoms licence, allowing it to invest in infrastructure and general phone-call switching capability (at the moment, it can only provide private voice and data services to corporations).

Viag, through its energy subsidiary, Bayernwerk, also has 4,000 km of fibre optic cable, tiny compared to Deutsche Telekom's network, but it will give the BT-Viag team a clear advantage over some of its other competitors when the regulators allow its use in 1998.

BUSINESS LETTER

Great news about 24-hour shopping

From Mr Clive P. Ashford

Sir, I must say how much I enjoyed the front page of section 2 today (January 4). What interested me most was the article on the bottom of the page: "Shop till you drop — around the clock".

As an international tennis-teaching professional, I can spend most of my day on court — from 9am-9pm — and find little time for shopping. By the time I have given my last lesson, it is too late to visit the local supermarket, which means I usually have to try to purchase the groceries during one of my lunch hours, not that I take them all the time. So it is great news for me that finally Britain is catching up with the rest of the world and heading for 24-hour shopping, enabling persons like myself to obtain the necessary items after work.

Hopefully, on from this we will see what I would call the "total mall" experience of shopping centres with restaurants, bars and cinemas, like they do in the "States", where one can shop and not worry about cooking afterwards or indeed rushing back in time to go out, as it is all on site.

Keep up the great work you are all doing on the world's top newspaper: *The Times* — the paper's title says it all really, doesn't it!

Yours faithfully,
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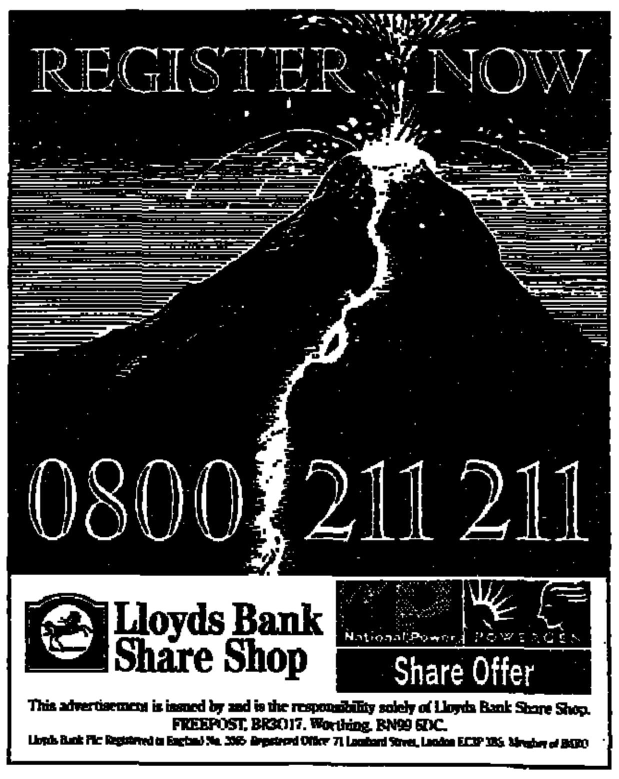
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Trustee	170.00	181.80†	-0.70	2.52
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.10	100.10†		4.80
Xtra Income	111.60	119.30	-0.10	4.23
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.46	57.32†	-0.16	8.99
Income	501.90	536.80		4.22
Income Builder	50.09	54.56		4.97
Ind Income	59.08	62.86†	-0.27	2.73
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	111.50	119.00	-3.10	2.71
Leisure	117.10	125.20	-0.16	1.54
Recovery	392.20	419.50	-0.50	2.84
Smllr Cos Inc	42.01	45.05	+0.04	1.97
Special Sits	263.30	281.60	-0.43	1.55
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	120.60	129.00	-0.20	0.70
Aust Acc	233.30	248.10	-1.40	2.45
Aust Inc	143.50	152.60†	-0.90	2.45
Euro Gwth Inc	143.50	152.30	-0.40	0.55
(Accum Units)	153.90	163.00	-0.50	0.65
Japan & Gen Inc	179.20	189.75	-0.70	
(Accum Units)	191.20	[illegible]	-0.90	
Japan Spec Sits	82.81	87.72	-0.51	
Omr Fin Inc	76.30	81.08	-0.01	4.13
Worldwide	160.40	170.30†	-0.70	0.77
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
081 658 9002				
American Growth	88.80	94.39	-0.37	
Amer Smllr Cos	122.90	131.30		
Convertibles	52.42	57.13†	-0.11	5.70
Eastern	245.40	265.80	-4.30	0.10
Equity Income	84.24	[illegible]	-0.79	4.99
European Growth	279.90	296.70	-1.30	1.90
Europe	308.29	321.70†	-0.10	[illegible]
German Growth	69.61	73.74	-0.41	0.50
Global Bond	61.17	64.43	-0.09	5.40
Global Growth	118.10	126.00	-1.60	
Japan Growth	201.70	215.20	-0.20	
Japan Science	178.10	[illegible]		
Korea Trust	75.97	[illegible]	-0.66	
Portfolio	124.30	133.11	-0.60	1.90
(Accum Units)	226.70	242.63	-1.20	1.39
UK Growth	79.70	84.78	-0.24	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	82.62	88.36	-0.14	1.60
Select Managers	70.66	75.71	-0.33	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Prm Inc	73.49	78.18	-0.53	
Special Oppor Inc	52.01	55.33	-0.62	
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD				
071 236 5441				
Special Sits	167.50	179.30	-0.29	1.57
Dividend	82.08	87.79	-1.02	3.30
Inv Gth & Inc	202.80	216.96†	-1.40	2.21
UK & Gen	42.60	45.56	-0.11	2.92
Fund of Funds	60.89	65.12	-0.31	
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
041 223 8020				
Balanced Growth	99.96	105.76	-0.30	1.37
(Accum Units)	112.35	118.84	-0.34	1.97
Smaller Cos	99.59	105.38	+2.95	1.29
Higher Yield #	41.99	44.43†	-0.11	4.49
American Gth Inc	69.66	73.71	-3.05	
European Growth	129.11	136.62	+0.17	
(Accum Units)	131.65	139.31	+0.12	
Global Bond Inc #	25.68	26.51†	-0.11	7.63
Mngd Ptflo Inc	40.15	42.46	-0.09	1.90
(Accum Units)	40.72	43.07	-0.09	1.80
Intl Spec Opps	111.21	117.63	-3.32	
Pacific Gth	120.96	127.36	-0.98	
Formerly LAS				
UK General #	70.39	74.49†	-0.33	3.73
(Accum Units) #	72.12	76.32	-0.34	3.73
Japan	63.76	67.47	-0.05	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	92.16	94.04†	-0.49	7.53
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
071 480 7218				
Short Dated Gilt	64.33	65.15	-0.36	6.32
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
061 837 5060				
Euroton	146.60	156.00†	-0.20	1.72
UK Growth	158.20	168.30	-0.50	2.41
UK Income	126.50	134.60	-0.30	4.50
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	178.70	189.50	-0.50	2.09
-do- Income Dist	103.80	118.00	-0.30	4.55
(Accum Units)	313.10	331.50	-0.90	4.55
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.94	41.28	-0.24	6.59
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
061 238 5685 Enq: 061 238 5685 Dlg: 061 238 5362				
American & Gen	142.50	151.60	-0.70	
European Inc	73.45	77.76	-0.59	0.52
Smaller Cos (4-1)	76.53	81.65	+0.13	2.01
Growth	377.90	423.40	-1.60	2.49
Income & Growth	393.70	408.20	-1.70	4.10
(Accum Units)	539.00	573.50	-2.40	4.10
Japan & Gen	73.40	77.92	+0.11	..
Master Portfolio	£97.91	£101.70†	-45.00	2.06
(Accum Units)	£116.84	£121.36	-54.30	2.06
Special Sits	90.18	95.94†	-0.29	2.51
High Yield	£12.32	£12.71	-8.00	4.63
For Capel House see Newton				
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	78.72	84.00†	-0.18	2.36
American Portfolio	85.74	91.37†	-0.06	1.27
European Portfolio	91.91	97.96	+0.21	0.81
Japanese Portfolio	65.81	69.88†	+0.09	..
Pacific Portfolio	133.21	143.24†	-1.41	0.71
UK Inc & Growth	72.63	77.96	-0.15	3.40
Utility & Bond	54.61	[illegible]	-0.15	7.01
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
071 588 1815				
Inv Fund	645.05	651.00		4.75
Fxd Int Sec	147.10	147.45	.	9.83
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	60.48	64.33	-0.43	3.09
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD				
071 588 1815				
Inc	636.32	640.19	..	4.86
Accum	£27.23	£27.25		
Inc	119.50	119.75	.	9.09
(Accum Units)	185.16	185.45		
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
071 837 7887				
Intl Growth	118.98	129.88†		
UK Income	104.19	113.66†		5.287
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	71.92	76.23		1.59
Bock Bio-Tech	23.12	25.65†	.	
Acorn Ethical Tst	144.86	152.48†		1.06
City Fin Assets	64.93	69.07		1.30
City Fin America	80.28	84.51	.	
City Fin Intl	74.35	78.26		0.95
City Fin Japan	168.99	177.88†		
Friars Hse Cap	259.72	280.74†		1.98
Friars Hse Inc	198.0	200.0	.	4.13
Buckley Wrld Grth	126.54	134.62		0.09
Fairmnt Cap Gth	132.79	141.27	.	
Fairmount Intl	145.78	155.09		
City Fin Ptflo Inc	50.88	54.13†	.	4.44
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
071 711 0771 Admin: 0277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	53.30	56.56	-0.89	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	53.07	56.76	-0.25	
Atlas Mngd Gwth	34.38	36.77	-0.20	0.32
Dragon Growth	62.95	67.33	-1.41	0.49
Equity High Inc	78.32	83.32†	-0.23	4.13
(Accum Units)	105.32	112.04	-0.30	4.13
European Gwth	47.73	50.78	-0.33	0.67
Evergreen	27.07	28.95	-0.05	
General Equity	79.04	83.86	-0.58	2.68
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.45	24.57†	-0.14	8.09
Japan Growth	51.84	55.44	+0.10	
Pedigree Gwth	47.81	50.86	-0.18	2.75
Pnd Sm Cos Inc	29.06	30.91	-0.06	1.21
(Accum Units)	30.19	32.12	-0.06	1.21
Retirement Inc #	24.71	26.29	-0.08	6.03
Special Sits	35.97	38.27	-0.16	2.09
UK & Overseas	45.36	48.25	-0.31	1.33
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0634 890 000				
Capital	63.27	67.66	-0.37	2.35
Income	57.36	61.24	-0.35	4.31
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	149.76	158.25	-0.85	5.67
Fixed & Convertible	38.49	40.95†	-0.13	7.47
Monthly Inc Plus	46.96	49.96	-0.16	8.97
Preference Share	45.51	48.42†	-0.08	7.63
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	115.84	123.73†	-3.53	7.56
Managed Fund	64.04	68.13	-0.51	3.09
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	37.23	39.61	-0.16	1.71
(Accum Units)	42.59	45.31	-0.19	1.71
UK & General	73.55	78.24	-0.42	2.83
(Accum Units)	92.06	97.94	-0.52	2.83
UK Growth	132.29	140.72	-0.84	2.42
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	181.62	193.21	-1.40	0.26
Far Eastern Gth	126.09	134.14	-1.22	
Global Bond	74.43	79.09	-0.22	6.40
Japan Growth	122.91	130.75	-0.20	
North Amer Gth	155.95	165.90	-1.05	
Oriental Growth	69.76	74.21	-1.01	
Worldwide Growth	61.69	65.63	-0.41	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.51	92.51	+0.01	5.18
Homemaker Fund	72.77	77.41	-0.53	1.95
Quilter Fund	121.70	129.47	-0.60	3.03
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	54.66	58.14†	-0.21	3.30
(Accum Units)	59.20	62.97	-0.22	3.30
High Income	31.99	34.03	-0.11	4.90
Japan	35.94	38.23	-0.05	
Smaller Cos Inc	29.18	31.66†	-0.03	2.50
Smaller Cos	30.91	32.88	-0.03	2.50
North American	31.09	33.07	-0.07	.
European	35.33	37.58	-0.20	0.60
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	29.75	31.69	.	3.39
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	136.30	144.90	+0.10	2.06
Income	68.15	72.50	-0.24	5.10
European	58.21	61.93†	-0.39	1.18
Recovery	145.60	154.90	+0.70	2.03
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	776.20	788.30†	.	3.87
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	69.16	72.51	-0.04	1.35
Income #	223.70	237.90	-1.00	4.90
(Accum Units) #	550.90	586.00	-2.40	4.90
Smaller Cos	148.50	157.90†		0.61
(Accum Units)	181.50	193.00†		0.61
Inv Portfolio	74.21	78.94	-0.42	1.51
High Inc Port #	65.06	69.21	-0.29	5.01
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
071 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£14.93	£15.30†		.
Japan Small Cos	£12.38	£12.61†		.
UK Small Cos	£17.03	£17.78†	.	
US Small Cos	£15.44	£15.87		
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	203.20	213.80†	.	2.65
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
031 315 2500				
European Gwth	256.30	270.70	-3.20	1.03
New Asia	196.40	208.80	-2.50	0.16
Japan Growth	120.40	128.00		
Jap Smlr Co	492.30	523.30	+4.40	.
Nth Amer	247.90	262.70	+0.90	0.90
Smlrd Asia Pac Mt	108.40	115.50	-1.30	0.39
UK Inc & Grth	199.40	213.50	-0.60	3.11
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	131.70	140.10	-0.30	1.91
UK High Inc Inc	140.30	149.30	-0.50	4.82
(Accum Units)	179.60	191.10	-0.80	4.82
UK Pref & F I Inc	55.30	58.70	-0.24	5.34
Emmerged Opps	79.90	85.00		1.10
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
American	115.66	122.60	-0.40	1.43
Convertibles #	19.76	21.00†	-0.02	6.67
Equity Income #	119.10	126.50†	-0.60	4.19
EuroFund	42.84	45.48†	-0.16	0.44
Financial	41.50	44.07	-0.30	1.70
Growth & Inc #	220.50	234.30	0.60	3.29
High Dist #	144.40	153.40	-0.80	4.83
International	361.20	383.80	-4.20	0.13
Im Cap Inc	67.97	72.91†	-0.86	2.03
Latin American	30.53	32.44	-1.11	.
Pacific	76.55	81.33	-1.43	
Preference Share	21.58	22.93†	-3.07	7.20
Tokyo	229.30	242.30	-0.50	
UK Smaller Cos	215.20	228.60	-0.10	1.20
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
071 242 0242				
Ekon Trust	202.11	215.78	+1.26	1.04
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	191.40	203.60		0.94
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0296 431 480				
European	75.77	79.76	+0.09	1.65
Ethical Tst	42.64	44.88†	-0.07	1.25
Far Eastern	284.26	299.22	-1.59	2.01
High Income	123.78	130.29	-0.19	4.98
Int Growth	114.62	120.66	-1.00	1.38
North American	103.73	109.19	-0.54	1.34
Pelican	110.25	116.05	-0.21	3.29
Smaller Cos	66.38	69.87†	-0.03	2.53
Special Sits	83.83	88.24	-0.11	2.67
Tst of Inv Tsts	175.02	184.23	-0.53	1.57
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	197.37	205.59	-0.64	1.43
Smaller Cos Acc	345.34	359.73	-1.15	1.43
Recovery	50.77	52.89†	-0.06	1.34
Recovery Acc	51.32	53.46†	-0.06	1.34
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0392 412 144				
Balanced	106.12	112.89	-0.36	4.16
Capital Growth	76.79	81.69	-0.52	
Fd of Inv Tsts	42.53	45.38†	-0.14	0.63
High Income #	41.33	44.29†	-0.10	10.39
Warrant	52.10	56.63	-0.39	
Zero Preference	36.19	38.36†	-0.06	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
0273 220 707				
Family Accr Tst	72.70	77.34†	-0.39	2.54
Family Income Tst	45.36	45.36†	-0.19	6.14
Family Trust	79.44	84.51†	-0.73	1.20
United Charities	250.50	256.25	-0.20	3.39
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.52
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	26.13	26.22†	-0.04	7.98
Intl Bond	27.02	29.02	-0.02	5.52
Income Funds				
High Income	24.31	25.58†	-0.07	5.18
Income Plus	105.80	112.50†	-0.50	4.30
Amer Eq Inc	44.66	47.31	-0.22	1.55
European Income	40.17	42.72	-0.13	1.99
Far East Inc	59.65	63.50	-0.18	2.17
Global Convertible	21.97	23.44†	-0.01	3.79
UK Dvr Gth	22.70	24.29	-0.10	1.89
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	59.00	62.94	-1.45	
American	227.00	240.70	-0.90	
Amer Spec Sits	109.10	116.40	-0.30	
Japan Smaller Cos	40.21	42.90	-0.02	
European	161.60	171.90	-0.90	
European Opps	59.91	63.71	-0.61	
Global Pnr	23.18	24.65	-0.25	1.18
UK Growth	84.65	90.01	-0.24	
Growth & Inc	131.90	140.30†	-0.50	2.55
Intl PEP	34.77	36.98	-0.14	
Japan Spec Sits	91.94	97.26	-0.12	
Japan	195.40	208.20	+0.20	
Managed Intl	261.60	278.70	-0.60	
Moneybuilder	50.36	53.56	-0.30	
Recovery	45.48	48.36	-0.21	
South E Asia	120.60	128.60	-1.10	
Special Sits	479.00	509.40	-12.90	
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	107.75	107.75	+0.01	5.50
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
071 814 2700				
Balanced #	131.70	134.80		7.58
Inc Ptflo #	81.19	82.77†	-0.44	4.04
Cap Ptflo	135.00	137.80†	-0.50	0.75
General Cos	116.40	118.50		3.54
Growth Inc	28.82	29.44	-0.17	1.31
Private Portfolio	382.30	390.30		1.51
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	106.40	112.40	-0.60	0.55
Emrg Asian	154.80	165.60	-0.80	...
High Income	20.75	22.03†	-0.09	10.21
Oseas Income	86.34	92.21†	-2.03	3.10
UK Growth	101.30	108.40†	-0.40	1.73
UK Income	99.25	105.80	-0.50	4.35
US Smaller Cos	286.90	306.80	-0.60	.
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	45.81	48.17†	-0.25	3.38
-do- Inv Tst Inc	71.71	75.41	-0.06	4.38
Intl Growth	67.02	70.47	-0.34	1.31
Investment Trust	85.58	89.99	-0.23	
UK Smaller Cos	77.15	81.12†	-0.09	1.02
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
071 374 4100				
American Growth	52.48	56.03	+0.01	
(Accum Units)	52.48	56.03	+0.01	
Amer Smlr Cos	441.30	471.90	+0.10	.
(Accum Units)	450.80	482.00	+0.10	
Capital Tst	298.50	317.50	-0.50	1.61
(Accum Units)	426.30	453.40	-0.80	1.61
Coml Smlr Cos	56.37	60.12	+0.02	0.69
(Accum Units)	59.29	63.23	+0.02	0.69
Convertible	121.90	129.70†	-0.50	5.87
(Accum Units)	246.60	262.30†	-1.00	5.87
Emerging Markets	67.90	72.53†	-1.71	.
(Accum Units)	67.95	72.58†	-1.71	..
European	111.30	118.20	-0.50	0.15
(Accum Units)	116.50	123.90	-0.50	0.15
Extra Income	315.50	335.50	-0.50	4.04
(Accum Units)	467.00	496.60	-0.60	4.04
Financial	113.70	122.50	-0.20	0.30
(Accum Units)	119.70	129.08	-0.20	0.30
Gilt Trust	59.96	61.64	-0.33	6.37
(Accum Units)	83.73	86.35	-0.46	6.37
Health Fund Inc	122.60	130.90	-0.30	
(Accum Units)	122.60	130.90	-0.30	
Income & Growth	180.40	191.90†	-1.20	3.32
(Accum Units)	272.40	289.80†	-1.80	3.32
Intl Growth	343.20	367.80	-0.30	.
(Accum Units)	381.70	408.20	-0.30	
Japan & Gen	177.30	189.70	+0.10	.
(Accum Units)	179.10	191.60	+0.10	
Managed Pun Inc	98.16	104.40	-0.40	0.46
(Accum Units)	105.20	110.70	-0.40	0.46
Monthly Income	158.28	166.10†	..	4.03
Quarterly Income	50.32	53.52	-0.17	4.78
(Accum Units)	53.53	56.93	-0.17	4.78
Recovery	326.10	348.70	-1.00	0.13
(Accum Units)	383.90	410.50	-1.20	0.13
UK Growth	50.59	54.02	-0.24	2.79
(Accum Units)	52.33	55.88	-0.25	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing: 0705 881330 Enqs: 0705 881340				
FP Equity Dist	359.70	382.80	-1.40	2.72
-do- Accum	759.70	808.10	-2.80	2.72
FP Euro Gth Dist	135.30	143.90	-0.70	0.28
-do- Accum	141.00	150.00	-0.70	0.28
FP Fixed Int Dist	126.90	134.00†	-0.60	7.09
-do- Accum	232.50	245.60†	-1.10	7.09
FP Intl Gth Dist	87.34	92.91†	-0.43	0.61
-do- Accum	91.34	97.16†	-0.45	0.61
FP Nth Amer Dist	176.80	187.20†	-0.80	1.19
-do- Accum	194.70	206.20†	-0.90	1.19
FP Pac Basin Dist	296.10	315.00†	-2.10	0.16
-do- Accum	302.20	321.40†	-2.10	0.16
FP Income	50.85	54.24†	-0.10	4.31
(Accum Units)	164.70	175.60	-0.40	4.31
FP Jap Smllr Cos	365.30	390.70	-0.80	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	68.12	72.70	+0.16	8.10
FP Stlg Deposit	100.10	100.10		4.80
FP Tokyo	88.44	94.33	+0.08	0.0
FP UK Growth	160.60	171.50	-0.90	2.84
(Accum Units)	311.40	332.10	-1.90	2.84
Stewardship Dist	314.50	334.50	-0.80	2.06
-do- Accum	384.60	409.10	-1.00	2.06
Stwdshp Inc Dist	68.80	73.19	-0.13	3.78
-do- Accum	88.71	94.37	-0.17	3.78
N Am Stshp Dist	93.09	99.03†	-0.53	0.74
-do- Accum	98.89	105.20†	-0.60	0.74
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	103.80	110.40	+0.30	0.75
Open Cap Gth Acc	105.60	112.30	+0.30	0.17
Cap Gth Inc Inc	100.30	106.80	+0.30	1.77
Cap Gth Inc Acc	101.90	108.40	+0.40	1.77
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	102.60	109.10	+0.20	1.76
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	104.20	110.80	+0.30	1.76
NM Unit Trusts				
American	42.65	45.37	+0.02	1.21
Australian	307.20	329.60	-1.40	0.0
Conscience	66.77	71.20	-2.03	0.84
European	191.40	203.60	-0.79	0.82
(Accum Units)	207.00	220.20	-0.80	0.82
Gilt & FI	55.00	58.35	-0.33	6.61
Gold	48.94	50.47	-0.16	0.0
Intnl	30.55	32.60	-0.20	0.92
(Accum Units)	44.30	47.27	-0.30	0.92
Sing & Malaysian	235.70	252.70	-4.0	0.0
Smaller Cos	28.83	30.78†	-0.59	1.14
Special Sits	34.20	36.77	-0.36	1.84
US Smaller Cos	104.70	111.90	-0.50	0.0
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	223.30	236.10	-0.50	2.57
Cash	49.61	50.35	+0.01	4.01
Growth Portfolio	73.52	77.93	-0.28	1.04
Income Portfolio	60.21	63.68	-0.32	4.67
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	173.70	185.80	-0.90	...
European	530.90	566.20	-0.60	0.48
Far East & Gen	254.20	271.90†	-1.80	
Germany	112.60	119.40	+0.50	
Income Inc	143.00	153.00	+0.30	4.74
(Accum Units)	151.40	162.00	+0.30	4.74
International	316.10	338.10	-2.30	0.21
Intl Income	74.97	79.62†	-0.10	4.39
Japan & General	400.40	426.80	-0.30	
Korean Securities	63.16	67.56	-0.88	
Smlr Cos Div Inc	44.43	47.52†	+0.09	5.65
UK Capital (Inc)	157.60	168.60	+0.10	1.12
UK Spec Sits	79.26	84.77	-0.11	0.72
US & General	126.90	135.20	-1.10	.
Wwde Spec Sits	145.90	155.70	-1.00	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
071 782 2000 Dlgs only: 0277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.55	47.66	-0.25	2.45
Cash Trust	136.01	136.01†	+0.01	5.04
Practical Inv Inc #	109.36	116.98	-0.38	3.51
(Accum Units) #	248.64	265.93	-0.64	3.51
UK Index	139.22	147.43	-0.78	3.26
UK Smaller Cos	114.85	122.83	-0.21	1.16
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.22	26.97	-0.03	9.20
High Income	31.73	33.94	-0.09	5.27
UK Equity Income	130.06	139.10	-0.34	3.54
Global Bond	26.95	27.95†	+0.10	5.37
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	47.26	50.55	-0.95	.
Global Inc & Gth	126.54	134.85	-0.87	2.07
Gold & Intl Res	108.41	115.95	-1.47	...
Global Utilities	123.81	132.77†	-1.44	1.27
Overseas Funds				
American	135.66	144.69	-0.17	1.00
European	94.10	99.85	-0.68	1.01
Euro Sel Opps	135.01	143.78	-0.89	.
Amer Emerging	93.20	99.68†	-0.35	.
Hong Kong	116.17	124.55	-1.12	1.63
Japan	246.31	260.76	-0.29	.
Pacific Growth	201.83	215.86	-3.26	1.47
Gartmore Persons Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	203.73	203.73†	-1.09	2.12
Long Term Bal	221.71	221.71†	-1.18	2.58
Med Term Bal	187.85	187.95†	-1.39	3.45
UK Equity	227.99	227.99	-1.07	2.66
UK Emerging Cos	135.50	135.50†	-0.15	2.30
American	220.17	220.17	-1.29	1.38
Japan	128.57	129.57	-1.55	
European	243.79	243.79	-2.22	1.97
Index Linked Gilt	163.60	163.60†	-0.56	2.99
Fixed Interest	150.51	150.51	-1.10	6.99
Amer Emerging	243.97	243.97	-0.39	.
Pacific	219.12	219.12†	-1.57	0.30
Emerging Mkts	136.01	136.01	-2.92	0.79
Index Smal Japan	154.03	154.15		1.24
-do- Pacific Rim	170.24	170.24		1.29
-do- Cont Europe	142.18	142.18		1.73
Index Stsr USA	125.27	125.23		2.30
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	94.55	100.59	-2.32	
Med Term Bal	89.36	95.05	-0.45	
Long Term Bal	97.87	[illegible]	-2.43	
UK Equity	105.44	112.17	-2.52	
UK Emerging Cos	65.90	[illegible]	-1.13	.
American	102.58	108.62	-2.60	.
Japan	61.74	65.72	[illegible]	
European	107.37	[illegible]	-2.32	
Fixed Interest	76.14	[illegible]	-0.59	
Index Linked Gilt	72.67	[illegible]	-0.12	
Deposit	79.71	84.90		
Broker Unit Trusts				
Barcley Int Gth	114.20	[illegible]	-0.22	
Berkeley Income	105.60	112.69†	-0.10	2.18
BWD Intl	132.92	139.92	[illegible]	2.61
Brstl St Port Inc	58.58	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.25
-do- Inc Port Inc	54.55	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.45
-do- Wwde Port	51.35	54.22	-3.91	0.50
Shaw Utilities	53.17	57.33	[illegible]	2.75
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 071 493 9990				
S and Inc	520.73	553.97		1.50
(Accum Units)	578.11	615.27†		1.50
European Inc	135.71	144.37†	-3.37	0.97
Singapore Inc	141.56	[illegible]	-3.25	
N America Inc	312.21	332.13		
Far East Inc	347.10	369.26		
(Accum Units)	350.49	372.43	.	
UK Dvdd Inc	158.96	173.74		1.29
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7828				
UK Equity Inc	54.76	58.43†	-0.64	4.71
UK Small Cos	45.72	48.92	-0.36	1.91
British Growth	48.99	52.77	[illegible]	2.52
American Gwth	137.68	[illegible]	-2.13	
Japan Gwth	77.84	83.25	+0.01	
Greater China	181.41	194.07	-1.52	
Pacific Strategy	151.50	162.23	-1.27	
European Gwth	81.24	86.95	-0.21	0.20
Intl Growth	136.73	146.25†	-0.98	
US Index (5)	12.66	12.88	-0.01	4.50
FT-SE Mid 250 Inc	71.62	75.82	-0.26	3.29
Monthly Income	36.12	38.56†	-0.06	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing 071 623 0000				
Grd UK Emer (5)	9.75	10.27	-0.09	3.66
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
071 488 1212				
Small Cos	95.25	[illegible]	.	1.23
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
071 533 8668				
Cash	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
European	457.90	482.20†	-3.40	0.11
Gilt & Fixed	123.32	130.60	-0.90	5.37
Growth Equity	311.60	332.90	-1.30	1.91
Income Trust	128.70	[illegible]	-0.40	[illegible]
International	172.70	184.50	-2.30	
Japan Trust	122.51	[illegible]	-2.60	.
Nth American	246.62	263.70	-2.20	0.16
Pacific	517.70	545.50	-5.90	
[illegible]	461.30	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.37
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
071 522 2129				
CMU Trust	97.18	103.94	-0.19	7.10
Global Hgh Inc	37.12	[illegible]	-0.17	9.19
Prem Fixed Int	98.53	[illegible]	-0.13	9.48
Emr & Bond Inc	97.54	103.92†	-0.17	5.13
European Growth	97.70	103.92	-0.21	.
Intl PEP Trust	57.15	60.76	-0.26	
High Income	116.77	[illegible]	-1.85	4.20
-do- Accum	159.72	169.92	-2.50	4.20
Recovery	362.20	382.00	+4.50	1.62
(Accum Units)	412.60	433.62	+1.50	1.62
St Vinc High Inc	121.56	128.17	-0.22	7.12
Top Bar Emer Co	237.60	252.60	-3.30	1.48
Trst Br Sm Co Io	351.80	358.00	-2.40	2.25
Glob Fnv Tst	89.53	95.18	-0.30	1.52
(Accum Units)	90.37	96.02	-0.33	1.52
Inc Share Tst	87.66	93.21	-1.61	8.03
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Mncd Ptflo	190.60	202.40	-0.50	2.29
Smaller Cos	31.76	33.79	-0.02	2.86
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	277.04	298.40	-1.25	1.35
Best of British	60.29	64.09	-0.25	2.73
UK Smaller Cos	118.44	127.32	-0.07	1.50
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	256.53	277.45†	-1.01	3.65
(Accum Units)	700.32	745.99	-3.72	3.65
High Income #	304.90	325.93	-0.05	4.12
Extra Income #	265.10	281.93†	-0.75	6.90
Pref & Gilt	45.33	48.73	-3.07	9.32
International				
International	257.41	274.19	-1.45	0.47
Global Bond	50.54	54.19†	-0.13	6.08
Family of Funds	78.15	83.58†	-0.14	0.14
Global Tech	149.13	159.49	+0.37	.
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	163.96	175.33†	-2.27	0.29
European	448.52	475.86	-2.75	0.48
European Income	77.30	81.91	-0.38	2.73
Euro Smlr Cos	144.50	155.04	+0.29	0.07
Eur Sp Sits	67.48	71.78	-0.19	0.84
(Accum Units)	72.28	76.89	-0.20	0.84
Japan Trust	224.49	238.93†	+0.18	.
Japan Special Sits	251.58	267.93	-0.83	
Pacific Smlr Cos	250.89	265.90	-2.79	.
North American	224.25	238.44†	-0.43	0.95
American Smaller	99.36	106.21	-0.19	
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	52.90	56.07	-0.08	..
Eur Sp Sits	58.15	61.63	-0.17	..
General Growth	41.10	43.56	-0.16	..
Global Tech	58.33	61.82	+0.13	...
Income Growth	40.19	42.59	-0.13	
Japan Growth	27.48	29.12	-0.02	
Smaller Cos	21.13	22.39	..	...
Special Opps	28.13	29.81	-0.01	
Wwde Sp Sits	46.93	49.74	-0.29	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
081 686 4355				
British	92.48	98.87	-0.67	1.99
Capital	164.40	175.80	-0.70	1.51
Dollar	324.30	346.80	-0.90	0.12
Enterprise Gth	312.80	334.50	-0.90	1.79
European	214.20	229.09	-1.69	0.02
Far East	297.40	318.00†	-3.80	0.02
Financial	751.90	804.10	-5.00	1.43
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.63	25.61	-0.08	7.70
High Yield	98.77	105.60†	-0.10	4.14
Income & Growth	134.90	144.20	-0.60	3.51
International	241.90	258.70	-1.50	..
Japanese General	210.80	225.40†	+0.30	
Japan Tech	85.81	91.77†	...	
Nat Resources	70.73	75.64	-0.58	..
Portfolio	68.92	73.71	-0.29	1.44
Smaller Cos	120.10	128.00	.	1.41
Special Sits	143.00	152.90	-0.40	1.61
UK Emerging Cos	88.11	94.23	+0.06	0.74
US Smaller Cos	78.69	84.14	-0.17	.
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers: 0800 181 890 Inv: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	95.24	101.60†	-0.40	6.12
Capital	550.90	587.60	-2.20	2.55
Income #	533.20	569.00	-2.20	4.95
Footsie Fund	50.97	52.95†	-0.34	2.65
Trade Index	106.00	113.10	+1.40	1.99
UK Index	130.10	138.90†	-0.80	3.23
International Funds				
American Growth	468.00	499.50	+0.60	0.64
American Index	190.20	202.70	-1.10	1.26
European Growth	106.20	113.10†	-0.90	0.02
Eurotrack 100	148.50	158.40	-0.80	0.30
Global Bond	19.87	20.98†	-0.10	6.16
Japan Growth	284.40	303.20	+0.50	.
Japan Index	80.82	86.25	-0.67	0.04
Japan Smlr Cos	35.86	38.27	+0.05	.
International High Growth Funds				
Asian	50.97	54.40†	-0.84	0.21
Hong Kong Gwth	83.62	89.24	-0.58	1.12
Shore & Mlcsn Gth	69.91	74.61	-1.38	.
Tiger Index	189.10	201.80	-3.0	0.22
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	28.91	30.00	-0.01	1.08
General Funds				
Managed	68.41	71.99	-0.31	2.45
Rupert Child Fnd	79.73	82.75	-0.54	2.50
UK Growth	55.95	56.07	-0.28	2.48
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.66	50.66	+0.01	4.73
Cashbox (Acc)	58.84	58.84	+0.01	4.73
UK Extra Inc	82.61	85.74	-0.38	5.89
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.28	26.04†	-0.05	8.06
UK Inc & Grwth	37.96	39.40	-0.16	4.11
UK Income	317.70	329.70	-1.70	3.74
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	46.88	48.55	-0.28	0.37
Amer Smllr Cos	108.90	113.00	-0.40	..
(Accum Units)	110.10	114.20	-0.30	..
Europe Gth	143.90	149.00	-0.70	..
(Accum Units)	148.80	154.10	-0.60	..
Euro Smaller Cos	27.05	28.07	-0.06	..
French Growth	71.87	74.39	-0.54	0.07
Accum Units	76.78	79.69	-0.58	0.01
H Kong & China	68.66	71.26†	-0.78	1.98
Intl Growth	55.16	57.23	-0.30	0.63
(Accum Units)	55.62	57.73	-0.30	0.63
Japan Gth	34.92	36.24	-0.07	..
Accum Units	34.92	36.24	-0.07	.
Japan Smaller Cos	43.07	44.70	...	..
Glob Emg Mkts	94.83	98.43	-1.87	..
Accum Units	95.50	99.12	-1.88	.
SE Asia	301.60	313.20	-3.70	0.32
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	51.09	52.63†	-0.06	6.07
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
071 581 3020				
American Cap	135.80	137.90	-0.30	..
Income	140.73	149.71	-0.48	4.00
UK Growth	51.19	54.46†	-0.14	0.99

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	76.40	81.27	-0.51	0.90
Intl Bond	59.73	62.81	-0.05	6.03
Intl Equity Growth	67.48	71.77	-0.42	0.56
N Amer Growth	89.77	95.49	-0.29	1.00
Special Sits Growth	20.40	21.70	-0.05	1.80
UK Growth	353.00	375.50	-1.50	2.82
(Accum Units)	460.50	489.80	-2.00	2.82
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01635 825867				
Balanced Fd #	£12.36	£12.60	..	3.50
Income #	939.30	941.00†	...	4.00

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Extra Income	47.26	50.28†	-0.13	7.66
Gilt Yield	110.90	117.10†	-0.50	6.81
Global Income	202.70	215.60	-1.17	4.22
High Yield	130.80	139.20†	-0.53	6.35
(Accum Units)	395.80	420.90†	-1.80	6.35
Smllr Cos Div	49.73	52.90	.	3.00
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	84.59	89.99	+0.05	..
North American	71.23	75.95†	-0.12	0.16
European Special	92.78	98.70	-0.31	0.15
European	145.70	155.00†	-0.50	0.39
(Accum Units)	191.30	203.50†	-0.60	0.39
General	257.00	271.46†	-0.90	3.31
Japan	423.80	450.90	+2.10	
Japanese Special	245.50	261.30	+1.20	
Master Accum	227.10	241.60	-0.70	0.57
Pacific	320.00	340.40	-2.50	
(Accum Units)	375.30	399.30	-2.80	
Smaller Cos	105.10	111.80†		0.61
UK Equity Growth	37.57	39.97	-0.07	1.69
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS				
071 629 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	59.23	63.01	-0.14	
Inv Trust	64.29	68.33	-0.29	
Cautious Inc/Gth	56.65	59.20	-0.17	1.50
High Inc Acc	53.64	57.06	+0.10	3.90
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
071 588 2800				
Income	565.30	576.80	-2.80	5.34
Intl & General	398.20	406.30	-1.50	0.01
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
071 407 5966				
Bridge Income	249.88	265.83	-0.11	5.64
Inc & Growth Inc	53.41	56.82†	-0.31	4.63
Smaller Cos	53.66	57.09	-0.09	1.44
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	232.40	247.20†	-0.50	2.20
High Income	102.70	109.20†	-0.50	4.42
International	94.47	100.50	-0.60	0.60
Recovery Trust	59.63	63.45	-0.89	1.80
European Trust	78.00	82.97	-0.27	1.05
Japanese Trust	44.11	46.92	-0.16	
American Trust	81.16	86.34	-0.31	
Managed	64.46	68.57	-0.17	0.55
Cash	51.19	51.19	+0.01	4.63
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
071 374 0916				
UK Cap	343.80	349.90	-0.80	2.63
UK Inc/Gth	369.70	375.30	-1.70	3.45
UK Income	257.80	262.21	+0.30	4.41
UK Sm Cos	229.40	237.40	-0.90	2.00
Euro Gwth	119.50	120.70	+0.70	
N Amer Gwth	75.97	76.77	-0.01	0.12
Japan Growth	66.82	67.53	-0.59	
Money Mkt	121.94	121.94		2.260
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	449.40	478.10	-2.70	2.74
(Accum Units)	884.10	940.50	-5.30	2.74
Equity Income	92.85	98.78†	-0.16	4.14
UK Tactical Allocn	53.17	56.46†	-0.51	3.15
European	109.40	116.40	-0.50	1.07
Far Eastern	223.70	238.00	-3.30	...
Fixed Interest	49.42	52.57	-0.21	6.98
Gilt	85.24	90.38	-0.55	7.06
Global Growth	74.14	78.97†	-0.68	0.10
Intl Bond	50.14	53.28	-0.16	5.39
Japanese	78.33	81.20	+0.05	.
North American	142.00	148.90	-0.60	1.06
Pacific Growth	105.80	112.50	-1.50	0.14
UK Index	59.31	62.63	-0.34	3.23
UK Recovery	87.37	97.95	-0.32	1.73
UK Smaller Cos	117.10	124.60†	..	1.52
US Index	56.71	59.85†	-0.30	1.80
European Index	70.21	74.10	-0.33	1.62
Japan Index	42.20	44.54	-0.02	...
Worldwide	80.81	85.97†	-0.36	1.49
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European	82.74	88.49	-0.19	0.33
Japan	110.18	117.60	+0.50	
Intl Currency Bd	55.52	58.91	-0.08	5.69
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Cont Eurc Gth	80.39	85.58	-0.32	0.72
-do- Acc	84.52	87.92	-0.34	0.72
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Japanese Growth	48.99	52.07	+0.07	
High Income	180.60	193.20	-0.02	4.67

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Shares claw back early losses

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BANKS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
529	380½	Abbey Nat	432	-½	4.5	14.5
314	233	Allied Irish	269	-1	4.7	10.3
278½	171	Aus New Z	204	+1	6.0	-
3300	2482½	Bank America	2537½	+12½	...	
247	172½	Bank Scotland	189	-5	3.3	11.2
640	497	Barclays	580	-7	3.5	14.4
318	246	Bk of Ireland†	298	-3	4.8	8.6
2812½	2262½	Citicorp	2675	-31¼	...	...
285½	203	Close Bros	225	+2	4.2	10.2
£150½	£121½	Commerzbk	£139¾	-100¾	6.2	...
1285½	1056¼	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1193¾	-6¼	0.5	...
£346½	£270½	Deutsche Bk	£300¾	+418¾	2.2	..
1315½	787½	Espirito Santo	819¾	-3¼	4.7	4.1
90	57	First Nat Fin	57	-1	3.3	..
1540¼	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1368	-7	0.4	-
473	208	Hambros	247	-5	7.5	15.2
1113	659	HSBC	681	...	4.5	9.9
1183	653	HSBC HK	671	+3	4.6	9.7
443	398	Joseph (L)	398	...	5.5	17.6
683	424	Kleinwort Ben	533½	-7½	4.5	9.4
680	519	Lloyds	555	-1	5.2	10.9
620¼	472	Nat Aus Bk	516	+9	7.0	-
622	421	Nat West	482½	+2½	5.0	8.5
3300	2100	Ottoman Bank	2150	...	6.8	-
79	53	Rea Bros	66	...	1.8	18.5
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scott	383	-3	4.5	9.3
1574	1050	Schroders	1440	+2	1.6	13.2
1458	1040	Schroders N/V	1308	-2	1.8	12.0
114	75	Singer & Fried	85½	-½	4.6	11.0
350¼	223	Stand Chart	263	+1	3.0	9.0
291	197	TSB	231	-1	4.4	11.6
1012	589	Warburg SG	893	+9	4.0	12.5
£195	8512½	Wells Fargo	9537½	-43¾	2.8	...
280	194	Westpac	217¾	+2¾	2.5	-
390	203	Wintrust	216	...	8.0	14.4

BREWERIES

DISTRIBUTORS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
127	105	AB Leis†	105	...	4.8	-
317	248	Acatt	309	...	2.8	16.7
590	253	Adam & Harvey	590	...	3.3	7.4
31	21	Alexanders	21	...	3.8	19.5
175	111	Appleyard	111	...	6.5	18.6
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	4¼	...	1.3	33.9
578	486	BSS Group†	518	...	4.4	18.9
25½	17	Boxing Power†	23	...	5.4	-
485	248	Blackley Mr	253	...	5.2	18.4
40	28	Bogod 'A'†	28	...	3.1	11.8
370	288	Brammer	352	-1	4.6	19.5
37	15	Bridgend Gp	15	...	1.7	78.8
98	78	Brit Fittings	88	...	3.2	...
71	48	Brown & Tawse	47	...	...	-
57	35	Burndene	37	...	6.7	-
465	245	Caliyst	268	...	5.4	44.0
59	24½	Castet Prd	25½	-1	5.4	14.1
139	84	Central Mtr	88	...	5.0	21.8
51	32½	Cook (DC)†	41	-1	3.5	12.8
342¼	197½	Cowie A	237	+1	4.6	11.8
192¼	127	Dag Motors	139	...	5.9	15.9
593	445	Dewhurst B	593	...	3.4	16.6
628	414½	Diploma†	428½	+1½	4.8	15.8
560	443	Electrocomps	488	+4	2.6	20.0
175	133	Erskine House	184	+3	2.4	16.9
282	225	Ellis & Everard	261	...	3.8	19.1
234	201	Eurodollart	204	-1	5.2	16.0
173	108	European Mtrl	108	...	5.2	11.7
538¼	389	Evans Halshaw	389	-1	4.6	12.2
656	498½	Farnell Elect	531	+4	1.9	21.8
78	50	File Indexer	58	...	5.9	8.5
34	15	Gardner	15	...	6.2	7.1
46	19	Glenchewton	23½	...	...	25.9
90	68	Gowrings	73	...	3.4	22.2
75	58	Hallin Hidgs	72	+½	...	56.2
168	122	Harris (Philip)†	168	...	5.2	14.6
342¼	268¼	Heyings	357	...	3.5	14.3
191	88	Holders Tech	92	...	8.2	10.0
138	108	ISA Int	108	-1	2.0	19.5
603	385	Inchcape	417	+3	4.5	13.9
88	35	Jacks (Wm)	55	...	...	13.8
184	145	Kwik-Fit	165	-2	3.0	18.9
573	281	Lex Service	310	+1	5.4	11.9
282	182	Lookers	189	...	4.5	12.0
28	14	Malga Grp	15	...	2.1	...
9	3½	Middlesex ©	7¼	-½	...	...
440	279	Nortain	435	...	0.6	19.4
100	47	Northamber†	91	...	3.8	38.6

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The turreted Amhuinnsuidhe Castle will become the new home for the Bulmers, centre, and, right, the medieval Cessnock Castle, on sale for the price of a smart London flat

The apple of a cidermaker's eye

Rachel Kelly reports on how the heirs to the Bulmer business are determined to take tradition back to a Western Isles estate

The cider heir Jonathan Bulmer, his wife, Lady Marcia, and their three young children, have been getting ready this week to move to a 50,000-acre *sporting* estate *in the* Outer Hebrides, bought before Christmas for an estimated £3.5 million.

Mr Bulmer and his wife plan to restore the 50,000-acre Amhuinnsuidhe estate on the Isle of Harris. They will send their children to the local school with its four pupils, and make the turreted castle with its ramparts and cannons their full-time home.

The move has delighted the 2,000 local people who have lamented the exodus of traditional resident landlords from the region since the war. More and more big Highland estates are owned by absentee businessmen, who view such estates as commercial holiday-let ventures rather than homes.

Mr Bulmer said: "I think a move back by a family like ours to make this kind of house a home is fairly unusual. These big estates tend more and more to be owned *by absentees who let them pretty seriously*. The estates are sold with depressing regularity."

The *remote baronial mansion on the* seashore was previously owned by Gerald Panchard, a mostly absentee Scottish businessman, who let the house as a holiday sporting estate. Mr Bulmer said he would aim to employ more local people on the estate and in the house. "I will run it on *traditional* lines," he said. "We hope to get stalking ponies back on the hills and to employ more ghillies."

The Bulmers divide their time between a London flat and a three-bedroom house in Sutherland in the Highlands, which they are now selling. Lady Marcia was brought up on North Uist, a neighbouring island of North Harris on the estate of her father, Earl Granville, the Queen's first cousin. "We have friends in that part of the world," Mr Bulmer said. "I am not worried about being lonely."

> Mary Queen of Scots stayed at Cessnock and a maid is said to walk its rooms as a ghost

The house was built in 1865 by *the Earl of Dunmore and sold by* the aviation pioneer Sir Thomas Sopwith in 1961 for £65,000. Since the war, it has *changed hands four times , and was most* recently sold by Knight Frank & Rutley. Langley-Taylor, the Edinburgh agents, *acted for the Bulmers.*

The property includes a 35,000-acre deer forest, loch fishing, sea trout, and salmon fisheries. Much of the rest of the land is crofted. "The fishing needs building up," Mr Bulmer said. He will continue to let half of the property, which sleeps 15 to 20, for about £15,000 a week and live in the other half.

The only drawback is a public road that runs by the front of the building. Successive owners of the house have wanted the road diverted.

For anybody looking for something cheaper, a castle is for sale in Ayrshire. Building started on Cessnock Castle in the *time of Edward the Hammer of the Scots* and it has been continuously occupied ever since. It is selling for the price of a studio flat in South Kensington, partly because a flat in the building is owned separately.

Cessnock, high on a ridge above the Burntown River near the village of Galston, six miles from Kilmarnock and 30 miles from Glasgow airport, began as a tower house in the late 13th century and the walls in this part of the castle are up to 18ft thick. During the 17th century domestic wings were added, enclosing an open courtyard, and the castle is believed to have been completed around 1670. Originally a demesne of the Campbells of Loudoun, the property belonged to the Dukes of Portland at the end of the last century.

A major restoration seems to have respected the castle's architectural integrity, allowing fine timber panelling and a decorative timber ceiling to survive in the Great Hall.

In the best traditions of castles and keeps, Cessnock has royal connections. Mary Queen of Scots stayed here *for a week in the 1570s and it was the* death of a maid from cholera during this time that is said to have provided the castle with a ghost. John Knox, the bane of that ill-advised Queen's court, preached from the windows of the tower house and the castle has a secret floor, used in the 17th century to hide Covenanters. The present owner, Baron de Fresnes, bought Cessnock in 1945 and for *some* years ran the castle as a hotel and antiques business. In 1981, the Baron sold off the ground floor of the *domestic* wings and this flat remains in separate ownership — which explains the remarkable asking price of offers over £95,000.

The entire tower house, which has four floors, some of which have been partitioned into rooms, is included in the sale, as are the remaining two floors of the 17th-century additions. The Great Hall, which has the carved ceiling, together with a *dining* room and five bedrooms, is on the first floor.

Access to the medieval part of the castle and to the upper floors of the domestic wing is by stair towers. The second floor *has* another six bedrooms and two further receptions.

Predictably for a building of this age, there appears to be a shortage of lavatories. Savills of Edinburgh, the *agents*, conceded that "a certain amount of refurbishment will be necessary".

Cessnock includes 20 acres of wooded grounds. In keeping with bloodthirsty tradition, these include a "hanging tree", which was the site of public executions until the last century.

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Special deals on new homes

This is the time for bargain-hunters

Special deals devised by house*builders late last* year are continuing this month. A range of part-exchange deals and offers of ready-furnished homes are available. They dried up last summer as the market seemed to pick *up. But as it has slumped* once again, such offers have reappeared, starting with a special effort to win *buyers during the Christmas and* new year holiday period.

The House Builders Federation's most recent figures show a slump in visitors to new home sites, down by 41 per cent in November compared with October. The number of people reserving new homes fell by 21 per cent, as did prices. Only 6 per cent of builders reported higher prices, against 25 per cent reporting cuts.

Wimpey Homes has designed a "keymove scheme". Buyers are helped to sell their present homes through associated estate agents within eight weeks and Wimpey *pays agency fees and* advertising costs.

Fairview Homes is running a *part-exchange scheme*, whereby the builder buys the prospective buyer's existing house for an agreed price. On some sites, the need for 5 per cent deposits on certain plots is waived. Fairview pays moving-in costs and lawyers' fees, and offers an effective six-month mortgage rebate in the form of a subsidy over the first 12 months. Other sites have deals on soft furnishings, carpets and electrical goods.

Fairclough Homes has cut prices on two of its developments at Chafford Hundred near Grays in Essex and at Feltham in north-west London.

Roger Humber, the director of the House Builders Federation, says: "It is not just a case of *special deals*. Builders are offering houses at the right prices. They are also providing *choice when estate agents* are complaining that they have little to sell in the second-hand market."

Mr Humber said builders had opened their sites from Boxing Day onwards. "If the weather continues to be reasonable," he said, "sites are likely to get very busy."

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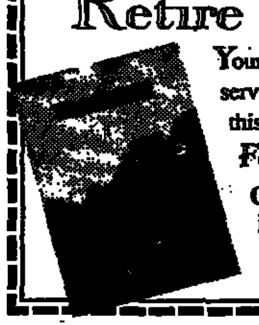

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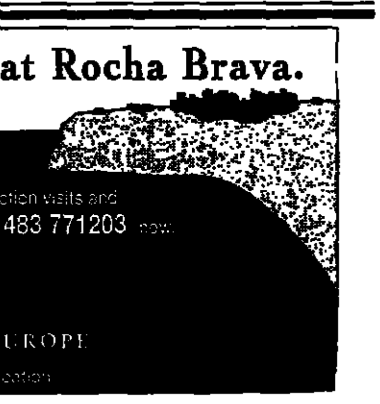

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If this exciting opportunity appeals to you, please write in confidence, enclosing CV and details of your current salary, to *Stephen Drury, London First Centre*,1 Hobhouse Court, Suffolk Street, London SW1Y 4HH.

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London Business School

Institute of Laryngology and Otology
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Division of Audiological Medicine

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Famed for his feats of clay

Josiah Wedgwood changed pottery and his world. **Dalya Alberge** salutes him in his bicentenary year

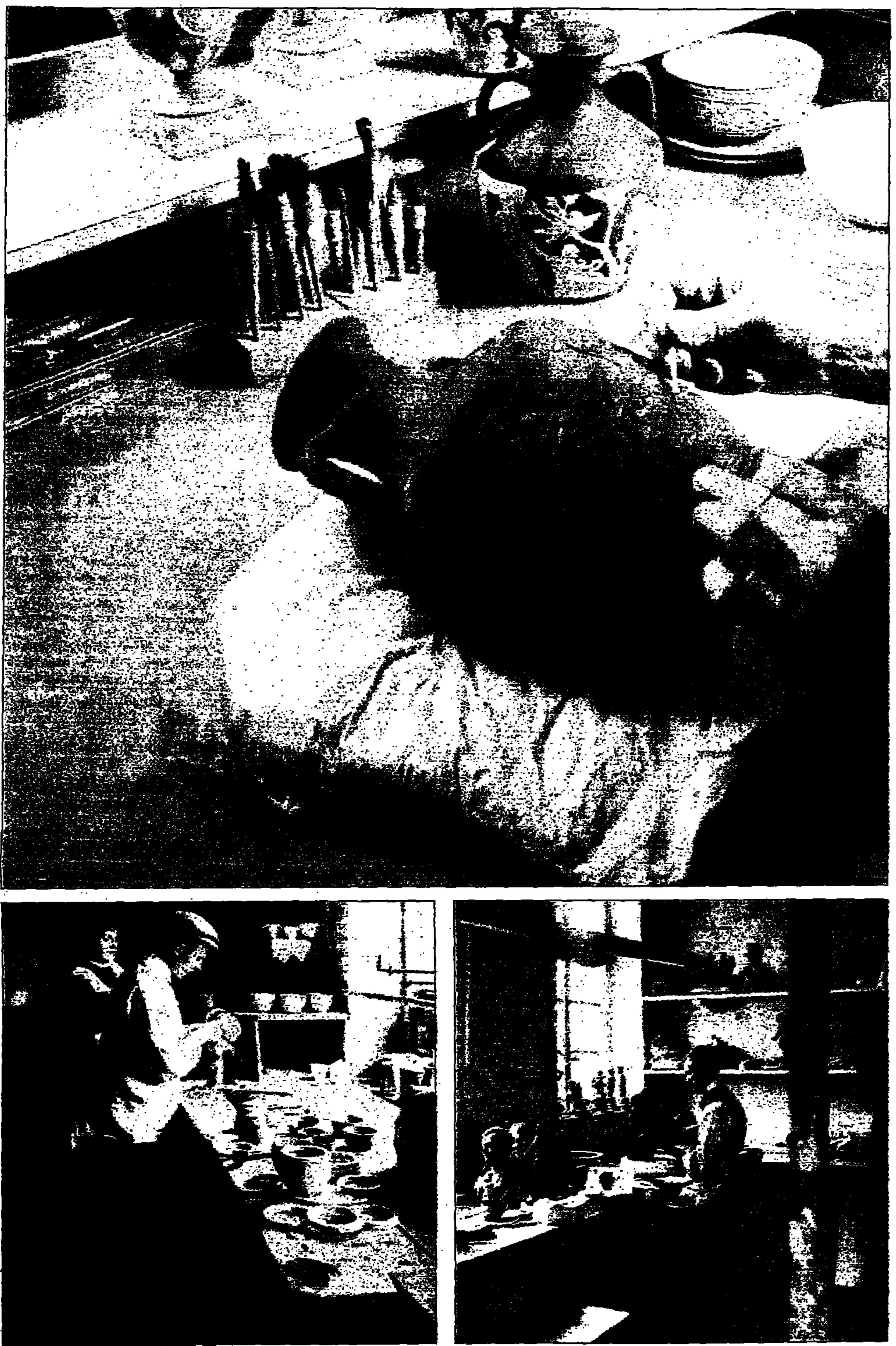
Josiah Wedgwood, the father of British pottery, died 200 years ago this month. He shaped the world in more ways than one. After he was made, they broke the mould. Wedgwood was a master craftsman who brought the Industrial Revolution to the Potteries, inventing revolutionary methods and materials. He transformed the tablewares of Europe and design factories of Britain.

Revolution was Wedgwood's middle name: away from the potter's wheel, he tirelessly campaigned for the emancipation of slaves, even producing a cameo of a manacled black slave inscribed "Am I not a man and a brother?" He was an industrialist who spoke out on working conditions, pioneering ideas about the division of labour and discipline in factories. He insisted that every man, woman and child he employed had a specialist area, however narrow, in which they could excel. As he put it, he "made Artists of mere men".

Although he received little formal education, his insatiable scientific curiosity endeared him to a circle of scholars and inventors as eminent as Erasmus Darwin, Joseph Priestley and James Watt.

Wedgwood's story will be told later this year at the Victoria & Albert museum in a major bicentenary exhibition. It is long overdue: after all, mention Wedgwood today and probably only the distinctive neoclassical blue-and-white porcelain (Jasperware) comes to mind. Today, Wedgwood is a public company with seven factories, employing 6,000 people, and accounting for a quarter of Britain's ceramic tableware industry and its exports.

Admittedly, the fine-grained unglazed Jasperware, developed in the 1770s as a background for white classical reliefs or portraits, was his finest ceramic invention. But although Wedgwood (1730-95) described it as being "of exquisite beauty and delicacy", he would have been shattered to learn that it has so overshadowed hundreds of other designs. There was, for example, his mass-produced Queen's ware, cream-coloured earthenware — more influential in his day — and the 1768 black basaltware that imitated antique and Renaissance objects. There have also been the innovations of today's designers.



Wedgwood's emphasis on up-to-date technology has gone from Josiah's days to (above left and right), 1905 and on to modern times (top)

The vast majority of the factory's design range is original, with the fashion designer Vivienne Westwood and artist Eduardo Paolozzi among the eminent outsiders being commissioned to break down the barriers between fine art, design and — to bring in that inadequately recognised skill — craft. Wedgwood proved that they could be forged together, transforming a cottage industry into an international one (even in his day, he exported to America and Russia).

He himself commissioned artists as eminent as George Stubbs and John Flaxman. He did, however, have to exert some artistic censorship over their designs: naked Greek gods were rather risqué for the fainthearted English, and Flaxman obligingly made them decent, with gowns and fig-leaves.

Clay had been in Wedgwood's family since the 16th century. He was born in Burslem, Staffordshire, the youngest of 13 children of Thomas and Mary Wedgwood of the Churchyard Pottery, a modest business with a single oven and workshops in a courtyard bustling with chickens and pigs. From the tender age of nine, Josiah served his apprenticeship, as his contract spelt out, learning "the Art, Mistery, Occupation or Imployment of Throwing and Handleing".

His childhood porcelain complexion was defaced by virulent smallpox and his body was crippled, eventually leading to the amputation of a leg. It is said that, without a groan or grimace, he sat and watched two surgeons saw it off. This may have encouraged his interest in experimentation, because he had to find a way of working a potter's wheel without the treadle.

By his mid-twenties he was in partnership with Thomas Whieldon of Fenton, the leading potter of his day. He was already experimenting with glazes and firing techniques in thousands of trials. Within a few years, he had proved himself enough to branch out on his own, producing large quantities of the distinctive original creamware with a clear green glaze to decorate organic shapes. It was cheap to produce and cheap to buy, as attractive to Europe's middle classes as to the aristocracy.

His 1774 tableware catalogue, his first, featured the bargain-basement offer of eight dozen plates for £1 (weekly wages for painters employed to decorate them ranged from 14 shillings to £4). Such was the demand that contemporary reports talked of the "violent vase madness".

Wedgwood's activities were soon denting the profits of competitors. Even Sevres and Meissen found that if they could not beat him they had to join him, developing equivalent ranges. Meissen, for example, produced the incongruously named "Wedgwoodarbeit" range.

In 1765, Queen Charlotte, George III's consort, gave him the title of "Potter to Her Majesty". Perhaps his most impressive commission came in 1774, with the 952-piece service for Catherine the Great's palace of La Grenouillière in St Petersburg. Each was handpainted with a different British architectural and landscape subject. Some 250 pieces from "The Frog Service" will form the centrepiece of the V&A show, loaned by the Hermitage in St Petersburg.

After Wedgwood's death, the factory passed down through generations of the family, suffering severe dips in its fortunes, notably in the 19th century. By 1986, it had merged with Waterford. Wedgwood would not recognise today's factory, sprawled across a 365-acre parkland site. His imagination would have been fired, so to speak, by the new machinery: after all, Josiah himself invented a device for measuring high temperatures (for which he received a commendation from the Royal Society) and his was the first factory to install a steam-powered engine. "He'd have been pleased to see how much money we're putting into innovation", says Jill Sharrock, creative director.

He would have approved of the "multi-bumping" machine that eases the printing, rather like silk-screening, across uneven surfaces (in 1763, Wedgwood had purchased the then newly invented contraption for transfer-printing). And he would have been amazed by the firing techniques that take 20 minutes to accomplish what once took days in coal-fired kilns.

He would have been particularly impressed by the dust-pressing machine which saves time, money and waste, forcing clay-dust into a mould with water to make a plate. Originally, the plate would have been turned on a wheel and a wet clay mixture poured into moulds. This way, every plate is perfect.

Waste was one of Josiah's obsessions: he fined anyone who left scraps around, and rigorous checks were regularly made. In fact, despite his liberal views (even at first supporting the American and French revolutions), he was quite a task-master: he smashed sub-standard pots and imposed fines for lax behaviour: two shillings would be forfeited by anyone bringing ale into the premises during working hours or "for a person playing fives against any of the walls where there are windows".

In spite of improved equipment and working conditions since Josiah's day, many techniques have changed little. Lines and gold tracery, for example, are still applied by hand. And the company is no longer a design-leader. Its 19 full-time designers are bursting with ideas, but find them curtailed by the conservative tastes of the customer. "Our ranges are designed by evolution rather than revolution," says Keith Williams, head of design.

Josiah Wedgwood would have had something to say about that.

● *The V&A show runs from June 8 to September 17*

FESTIVAL

Complex without clutter

The Prodigal Son
St John's,
Smith Square

THE time-honoured series of BBC lunchtime concerts is playing its due part in the corporation's Fairest Isle festival this year, and to prove the point the new season began last Monday with a semi-staged performance by Kent Opera of Benjamin Britten's third church parable, *The Prodigal Son*, composed in 1968 to William Plomer's text.

Semi-staged is all it needs to be; anything more than the simplest of actions, apparel or stage accoutrements does this genre, simple and directly communicative on its surface but fashioned with the utmost sophistication, few favours.

On this occasion the message came across with affecting directness, thanks to Tim Carroll's solemnly uncluttered production and to Roger Butlin's necessarily frugal designs. Monks' robes were de rigueur for the solemn entry and procession; otherwise simple shifts and, for the tempters of the city and the starving poor, masks and hats, served for costumes. The bed in which the Younger Son enjoyed his carnal pleasure was a billowing red sheet held above his head, as if it were the canopy of a luxurious four-poster.

Britten: benefits from the production's simple touch

Of course, the radio audience saw none of this. But it will undoubtedly have heard the tinkling of gold coins as they tumbled from his money-bag to pay for all that fun; in the hall these looked marvellous, glistening brilliantly in the light.

The singers were excellent, none more so than Howard Haskin, as the Abbott who also plays the Tempter. His cautionary preface to the action, delivered forthrightly from the back of the hall, caused several audience members to jump half out of their skins. Alan Watt was gently loving as the Father, and Gwion Thomas wisely did not overplay either the self-righteousness or the protestations of the Older Son.

James Oxley, a light-voiced tenor very much suited to Britten's kind of expressive lines, looked and sounded well as the Younger Son. The chorus of Kent Opera, supplemented by boys from the Sackville Choir, sang firmly, and the instrumental ensemble played with character under the unobtrusive direction of Timothy Dean.

STEPHEN PETTITT

NEW MUSIC: **Richard Morrison** hears young soloists struggling to make mediocre material sound interesting

Same old stunts, with bells on

PLG Young Artists
Purcell Room

For one week every January the Purcell Room becomes a boundless musical prairie where the wild buffalo roam. And some of the buffalo in this week's Park Lane Group Young Artists Concerts are very wild indeed.

Take Henry Cowell, whose *Aeolian Harp* and *Exultation* launched the first recital on Monday, given by the pianist **Mark Gasser**. *Aeolian Harp* is sheer acoustic delight: the pianist reaches inside the piano and strokes the strings, harp style, while playing chords conventionally on the keyboard (children: don't try this on the upright at home). *Exultation* is an exuberant, clangorous romp, requiring the pianist to smash his elbow down on many notes at once. Painful, no doubt, but all in the cause of art.

Ah, the listener thinks. This is avant-garde music, and I am enjoying it! Then he notices the composition dates of these pieces: 1923 and 1919 respectively. He realises that the musical avant-garde is actually older than his parents, and still churning out the same old stunts.

Depressing? Not when compared with the other extreme, by which I mean the music of John White, who is one of this week's featured composers. Gasser played just one of White's piano sonatas; something of a relief, since there are 125 of them. But it was enough. White says that he comes from a contemporary tradition that is "confident in its use of primary tonal colours". What this apparently means, in the case of Piano Sonata No 65, was a succession of meandering major-chords that a mediocre parish organist with a hangover might improvise on a wet Sunday morning. If that represents musical "confidence" then someone is playing a confidence trick.

Gasser could display his considerable talent better in Nono's noisy but spectacular *Sofferte onde serene*, a very Italian fantasy on death, life and bells, in which the pianist on stage has the daunting task of duelling with a tape of the great pianist Maurizio Pollini.

Finally, Gasser delivered Ronald Stevenson's astonishing *Motus Perpetuus (?) Temporibus Fatalibus*. Crazy name, crazy question-mark. Like those whizzkid Russian ice-dancers, this frenetic "Perpetual (?) Motion in Fateful Times" scores straight sixes for technical merit but rather less for artistic content. Still, what a dazzling way to finish a recital.

Later in the evening, guess what? Two more piano sonatas (Nos 101 and 102) by John White. That leaves just 122 more for the rest of the week. These two were transcribed (by Ian Gardiner) for piano, violin and cello, which made them sound like a Palm Court orchestra that couldn't quite remember all the right notes of a Victorian parlour song. The **Gofriller Piano Trio** delivered them with apt lugubriousness. But these young players need to project a good deal more character and assurance if they are to convince audiences that edgy, difficult and episodic pieces such as Jonathan Harvey's early Piano Trio are worth heeding.

They shared their recital with the flute player **James Dutton** and pianist **Mark Kinkaid**, who are in a more mature and accomplished league. To them fell the first world premiere of several this week: Julian Anderson's *The Colour of Pomegranate*.

You will recognise the title, of course, because — as Anderson reminded us in his programme-note — it refers to "a film of the same name by the Armenian director Paradjanov in which a peasant plays a melody on his flute while church bells ring". I fear that I shall probably not be rushing to view Mr Paradjanov's *oeuvre*, but Anderson's musical version was beautifully written for a trilling, Eastern-sounding alto flute (the peasant) and an increasingly ecstatic piano (the bells, the bells!).

Anderson's orchestral piece *Dark Night*, which won the Royal Philharmonic Society Prize in 1993, will be premiered by the BBC Symphony Orchestra in April. At 27, he is a composer to watch.

BRODIE BURNS

LONDON
Strand Theatre
Jan 25

PATRICIA HODGE has been delighting West End audiences with her portrayal of the comic, and ultimately tragic, Edinburgh school teacher in *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*, and it seems appropriate that a performance of the play should provide a perfect Burns night out for Theatre Club members.

So join us at the Strand in honour of Scotland's greatest poet, enjoy a dram on arrival — courtesy of Seagrams — and be piped into the auditorium for the play. After the performance, meet members of the cast over another glass (soft drinks will be available for non-drinkers and drivers).

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The cost of the evening is £15 (normal price of a seat alone £20). Ring 071-930 8800 to book.

● We apologise for the mistake in last Saturday's listing for Théâtre de Complicite's staging of *The Three Lives of Lucie Cabrol* at the Shaftesbury Theatre. The correct number to book your seats for Jan 18-21 performances is 071-379 5399.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

ZANDER CONDUCTS MAHLER
Benjamin Zander joins the **Philharmonia Orchestra** for tonight's programme of the mighty Symphony No 6 in A minor.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 8pm; pre-concert talk, 6.45pm. Ⓢ

MUSIC FOR ALL THE FAMILY: Richard Baker joins the **New Wind SO** as the narrator for Keith Amos's *Steadfast Tin Soldier*, specially prepared for tonight's concert. Also on the *programme are favourites by Grainger*, Ives, Delius and Curzon's *Dance of an Ostracised Imp*.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800) Tonight, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

THE CASTLE. Revival of Howard Barker's 1980s drama, where a soldier returns from the Crusades to meet a hostile reception. A Wrestling School production, in association with Nottingham Playhouse; originally commissioned by the RSC.
Riverside Studio 2, Crisp Road, W6 (081-741 2255) Tonight-Sat, 8pm.

RUSH HOUR AT THE WIGMORE: Dmitri Alexeev opens tonight's piano-fest with an early evening Chopin recital. ***Dame Moura** Lympany* then takes the stage with a programme of works by Haydn, Beethoven, Ravel, Schoenberg and Rachmaninov.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141) Tonight, 6pm and 8pm Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Conductor Mark Elder opens tonight's **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra** with Ravel's *Alborada del Gracioso* and continues with Delius's *Paris Song of a Great City*. A concert performance of Puccini's *Il Tabarro* closes the programme; with Anne-Marie Owens and Donald Adams. Repeated Saturday.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (021-212 3333) Tonight, 7.30pm and Sat, 7pm. Pre-concerts talks at 6.15pm (Wed) and 5.45pm (Sat) Ⓢ

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MOLD: If the children want to go to the *theatre but the thought of just one more* panto is enough to make you weak at the knees, try **The Wizard of Oz** instead. The RSC version comes complete with the music and lyrics of the MGM film score.
Theatr Clwyd (0352 755114) *Mon*, 7pm, Tue-Sat, 2pm and 7pm. Until Jan 21. Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

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Pit, Barbican Centre EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm Ⓢ

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Albery, *St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115)* Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat 3pm. Final week.

☐ **SALVATION:** Tim Luscombe directs a strong cast in the London Gay Theatre Co's staging of a Joe Pintauro double-bill. *Swans Flying* looks at late, religious experiences and food; *The Raft of the Medusa* explores attitudes to Aids.
Gate, Prince Albert Pub, Pembridge Rd, W11 (071-229 0706) Previews tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm. Opens *Fri; until Feb 4.*

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

AMATEUR (15). *Amnesiac* pornographer faces his past with a former nun's help. Quirky, touching, pseudo-thriller from Hal Hartley, with Martin Donovan and Isabelle Huppert.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Lumiere** *(071-836 0691)* ***Odeons: Kensington*** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

EVEN COWGIRLS GET THE BLUES (15): Unwieldy version of Tom Robbins's zany novel from cult director Gus Van Sant. Uma Thurman heads a cameo-strewn cast.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** Ⓢ (071-435 3366)

LOVE, CHEAT & STEAL (18): *Failed* film noir from new director William Curran, with Madchen Amick, John Lithgow and Eric Roberts.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

SHALLOW GRAVE (18): Wickedly *enjoyable comedy-thriller about three* Edinburgh chums and a corpse loaded with money. Danny Boyle directs Kerry Fox, Christopher Eccleston, Ewan McGregor.
Gate Notting Hill (071-727 4043) **MGMs: Fulham Road** Ⓢ (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

STARGATE (PG): *Galactic adventures* of Kurt Russell and James Spader. Preposterous, derivative, but fun. With Jaye Davidson. Director, Roland Emmerich.
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426-915 683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332)

◆ **TIMECOP** (18). Tedious, violent tale of Jean-Claude Van Damme's time-travelling cop. With Mia Sara, Ron Silver. Director, Peter Hyams.
Empire Ⓢ (0800 888911) Ⓢ **MGMs: Baker St** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Rd** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303)

◆ **WES CRAVEN'S NEW NIGHTMARE** (15): Inventive riff on the "Elm Street" movies from the original's creator, director Wes Craven. With Robert Englund, Heather Langenkamp.
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CHASING THE DEER (PG): Cardboard drama about the Jacobite rebellion. With Brian Blessed, Jake D'Arcy, Iain Cuthbertson; director, Graham Holloway.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

◆ **CORRINA, CORRINA** (PG). Housemaid Whoopi Goldberg reawakens a household numbed by grief. Increasingly predictable sentimental drama with Ray Liotta and Tina Majorino. Director, Jessie Nelson.
Odeons Kensington (0426 914666). **Mezzanine** Ⓢ (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332)

DEAR DIARY (15): Delightful, freewheeling film journal from Italian actor-director Nanni Moretti.
Curzon West (071-369 1722) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

◆ **FORREST GUMP** (12). Endearing if indulgent odyssey through post-war America, ideal for baby boomers. With Tom Hanks. Director, Robert Zemeckis.
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◆ **JUNIOR** (PG). Juvenile jokes abound as Arnold Schwarzenegger gets pregnant. With Emma Thompson and Danny DeVito. Director, Ivan Reitman.
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MY FAIR LADY (U): Resplendent restored print of the 1964 musical, with Rex Harrison, Audrey Hepburn, very familiar tunes and Edwardian finery galore. Directed by George Cukor.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

◆ **THE NEVERENDING STORY III** (U): Unappealing fantasy with Jason James Richter and a menagerie of dragons, gnomes and talking rocks from Jim Henson's Creature Shop.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) ***Trocadero*** Ⓢ *(071-434 0031)* **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS** (PG): The King of Hallowe'en tries to take over Christmas. Technically brilliant puppet fantasy conceived by Tim Burton, directed by Henry Selick.
Barbican Ⓢ (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** *(0426 914098)* **West End** (0426-915 574) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE SPECIALIST** (15): Sharon *Stone hires explosives expert Sylvester* Stallone to avenge her parents' murder. Empty concoction that wastes its stars. Director, Luis Llosa.
MGMs: Fulham Road Ⓢ (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THEATRE: Polite treatment for Fats Waller; poor setting for Lin Coghlan's Irish whimsy

Doing their best to overcome a muted Waller: Debby Bishop, Ray Shell, Melanie Marshall in *Ain't Misbehavin'*. Drawing by Bill Hewison

Bowdlerising the boogie man

Ain't Misbehavin'
Tricycle, NW6

This celebration of the work of Fats Waller ran a remarkable 1,608 performances on Broadway after it opened in May 1978; and not just because bouncy compilation shows of melodious and/or witty composers were a relative rarity in those innocent days. The set vividly evoked the fun Harlem of the 1930s and the five-person cast was strong enough to reduce even John Simon, killer-critic of *New York* magazine, to what he called "incontinent raving". It was the sort of lavish, exuberant do at which everybody could be guaranteed a good time.

There is a good time on offer at the Tricycle, too, but inevitably it is of a more modest kind. The stage is tiny, Bunny Christie's set unambitious. A drape emblazoned with the score of "Handful Of Keys" falls away to reveal a small band perched above what appear to be art deco gravestones with Waller's monograph on them; but it is the suits, furs, spangled dresses and feathery turbans that give the evening such period atmosphere as it possesses. Some members of the cast are excellent, but none is extraordinary. Nicolas Kent and Gillian Gregory's production is the sort of party that leaves you wanting to pen them a polite thank-you note, not do somersaults in Kilburn's equivalent of Times Square.

But that does at least allow you to look both at Waller and at the show itself more objectively than the original American reviewers did. The concentration on the songs at the expense of everything else is in some ways refreshing. We have all got bored with the kind of cabaret entertainment that cranks out snippets of biography and snatches of music like a reach-me-down *Desert Island Discs*. On the other hand, some people may find it frustrating to learn nothing about the big man himself. You have to look to the programme to discover that his father thought jazz came from "the devil's workshop", and even this does not reveal that he played the organ in Notre Dame cathedral or could span 13 notes, C to A, with one mammoth hand.

Anyway, number follows number with only the occasional mumbled aside in between. They reveal Waller to be deft, wry, charming, hummable and not very demanding. Those wanting musical complexity will be disappointed, as will those earnestly in search of the "black experience". Admittedly, the fine "Black And Blue" ("I'm so forlorn, life's a thorn, my heart is torn, why was I born?") has genuine pathos; but mostly Waller's world is not unlike Cole Porter's: romance, fickleness, cocktails, laughter, the yacht club, and the Waldorf Hotel, "where folks sit around all day".

When the show calls itself *Ain't Misbehavin'*, after the famous song that opens it, it means it. There are times when you long for more of the mischief of the little-known "Viper's Drag", in which a stoned dude dreams of "a reefer five feet long". However, there is plenty here to irk the politically correct, which can't be bad: a song about someone with big feet, another mocking "a fat and greasy fool", and a third in praise of spoiling men. You won't find Andrea Dworkin in frilly lace, chanting "Find out what they like, and how they like it, and give them it just that way", will you?

The less contentious pleasures include Debby Bishop's sensual "Squeeze Me", Melanie Marshall and Ray Shell's gorgeously humorous "Honeysuckle Rose", and, with Dawn Hope and Sean Palmer joining the ensemble, everybody's "Jitterbug Waltz". All this song does is pitter-patter down the scale, but it patters prettily and pitters amusingly. Very Waller, you might say.

Benedict Nightingale

Game, but sets don't match

At the Edge of the Sky
Half Moon,
White Horse Rd, E1

THE Half Moon theatre company, which tours schools and trains young people, is celebrating new premises and presenting Lin Coghlan's latest play. Set on an imaginary island west of Ireland, this is a contemporary folk tale: Synge brushing against magic realism and embroiled with a Mystery play.

It's about adolescent love and a friendship rekindled between Katherine and Eve: plus a dad on the drink, a bullying boyfriend, and an enamoured local lad cast as Christ in some annual enactment of the Passion. There's death by water, trapped disillusionment, and final escape on a little ship.

Over the moon? Nowhere near, unfortunately. The new venue is in Docklands, moments from Limehouse station. *Step into* the converted town hall's designer vestibule and your evening seems to be looking up.

However, entering the auditorium, an ornate chamber now matt-black, you get a sinking feeling. Encounters with unpainted plywood sets *will* end in ugly scenes.

My heart lifted as a model boat bobbed along, its crew lit by an on-board lantern. But thereafter, David Belshaw's directing is not dazzling. Katherine, martyring herself making eternal cups of tea for her domineering father, is required to rustle up a turf fire from a couple of bricks. Meanwhile, Eve's boyfriend is commenting surlily on the Christian drama progressing outside, apparently staring through a solid black window.

Belshaw does not do the play justice. Coghlan is over-keen on poetics and Eve's sexual change of tack, sailing away with Katherine in half a coracle, is psychologically sudden even if it is an expression of shackle-breaking (and physics-defying) sisterhood.

But the dialogue is softly lilting, with scenes of emotional tension and humour. "Couldn't we just take our clothes off and look at each other," suggests Foxy, sweetly *trying it on with Katherine*. The cast surpasses the scenery, and Janet Bamford's Katherine, supported by Mia Leahy's Eve, shines as an impassioned innocent.

Kate Bassett

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More mime? Words fail me

As Marcel Marceau and his silent army descend on London, **Jeremy Kingston** prepares for long nights of silly gestures

It *is impossible to* deny that mime is the silliest *art form, sillier* even than ballet which in its *most* arresting *moments* it resembles. Practitioners of both do the equivalent of cutting off a leg in order to hop a race, and come forward at the end to solicit plaudits for doing elegantly *what it* was perverse of them to attempt in the first place.

And yet, and yet — but no, I'm not ready *yet to exhaust* the absurdities of these genres. The London International Mime Festival opens this coming Saturday *for* two weeks of performances by 21 solo artists and companies, and instead of addressing the question that is regularly asked — "Mime: whither?" — *I should* like *to find* the answer to "Mime: why?"

It is an ancient art form, of course. They did it in Greece, *intermittently throughout the* Middle Ages and in Renaissance *Italy. They do it* in Japan and other Eastern *places, and they* have kept doing it in Paris since Jean-*Louis* Barrault reinvented Baptiste for *Les Enfants du Paradis* and hopped about on a small stage looking lovelorn in white sleeves too large for him. Instead of behaving naturally — like Barrault himself, in the same film but out of white-face, saying to the woman he loves, "Comme vous êtes belle" — a mime must flutter his hands and toss his head, expel the bones from his body and droop.

The style is so desperately limiting. And plain desperate, some of the time. A flip through the pages of the LIMF programme shows the same old descriptive phrases — "the absurdity of human conventions", "issues of sexuality and identity are confronted", "a labyrinth *where* all paths are open". Haven't we *all seen these confrontations*, those conventions, that *labyrinth, over and over? The* little man at odds with society, *fate*, life itself, battling against an imagined wind, eccentric, *quaint, silent*. This year we even have Marcel "Bip" *Marceau coming, to the* Queen Elizabeth Hall, to remind us *that life offers* nothing but frustration to a man in a striped T-shirt *and* circumflex eyebrows, even if his outfit does *sometimes run* to a red flower in his hat.

"Oh, but mime offers infinitely more than that," the advocates *tell* us. "It's so various. It will explore any situation you can imagine. It doesn't even have to be silent these days." This is true. You will hear mime artists uttering squeaks and hoots and even *words*, can you believe it, here and there, now and then, though seldom words ordered into dialogue.

Yet the underlying argument for mime is today what it has always been: less is more. By reducing verbal language to almost or absolute zero the mime, it is argued, expresses the essence of feeling.

There is certainly some truth in this. In any conversation an eyebrow silently *raised*, a mouth pursed, a shoulder shrugged, will utter, *as they say*, volumes. But a volume consisting of eye*brows, pursed mouths and* eloquent shoulders will necessarily be a *slim one, and this* is my chief complaint about *mime. The feelings* it takes such self-denying pains to *express* are *nearly* always unutterably (*sic*) pure. Purely *heroic, purely* rapturous, purely daft, with none of the *in-between colours that make* our responses to living so *muddled*, so *muddy* and so absorbing.

Stepping sideways into ballet for a moment, I once saw a *performance* of Turgenev's play *A Month in the Country* within a few weeks of seeing the ballet Ashton turned it into. The contrast was shocking. Yes, the Chopin was delightful, the dancing dextrous and expressions of desire, jealousy and grief passed across the faces of the dancers. But the play's thrilling complexity was nowhere. Likewise, mime illumines a portion of experience and disdains *the remainder*.

> ❛ The style is desperately limiting, and sometimes just desperate ❜

Perhaps it is because mime *reduces expression to the* vocabulary of gesture that per*formances* generally *end by* fizzling out. Characters may *die but somebody is left on the* stage to give a last shrug at the waywardness of life. A wry smile and a quiet exit.

And yet . . . *when I* first saw Trestle it was presenting John Wright's *production* of *Ties That Bind*, an exploration of *child abuse* and, *six* years ago, among the first theatre acts to *address the subject*. Two *of* the actors wore flesh-coloured *fibreglass masks, fixed in* unchangeable expressions that ought, logically, *to* have restricted the emotional *charge of the performances*. Yet as the precise movements of hand and arm accumulated, with pauses that suggested intense thought, something strange and wonderful happened. The emotional depth of the characters emerged into view and seemed to have been embodied all the time in the unmoving lines of the mask.

Trestle's subsequent work has often been frolicsome, a temptation for mimes, but at this year's festival they are doing Christina Rossetti's *Goblin Market*, and the photograph in the programme looks attractively grisly.

Only a minority of mime groups use masks nowadays, but flouting the rules of logic may be what gives mime its curious appeal. All right, every art form defies some logic, strictly defined. Nobody on Lammermuir normally dies singing. But representing the act of, for example, tying a tie when nothing material exists between the fingers is a profoundly absurd piece of behaviour. What is the value in doing it?

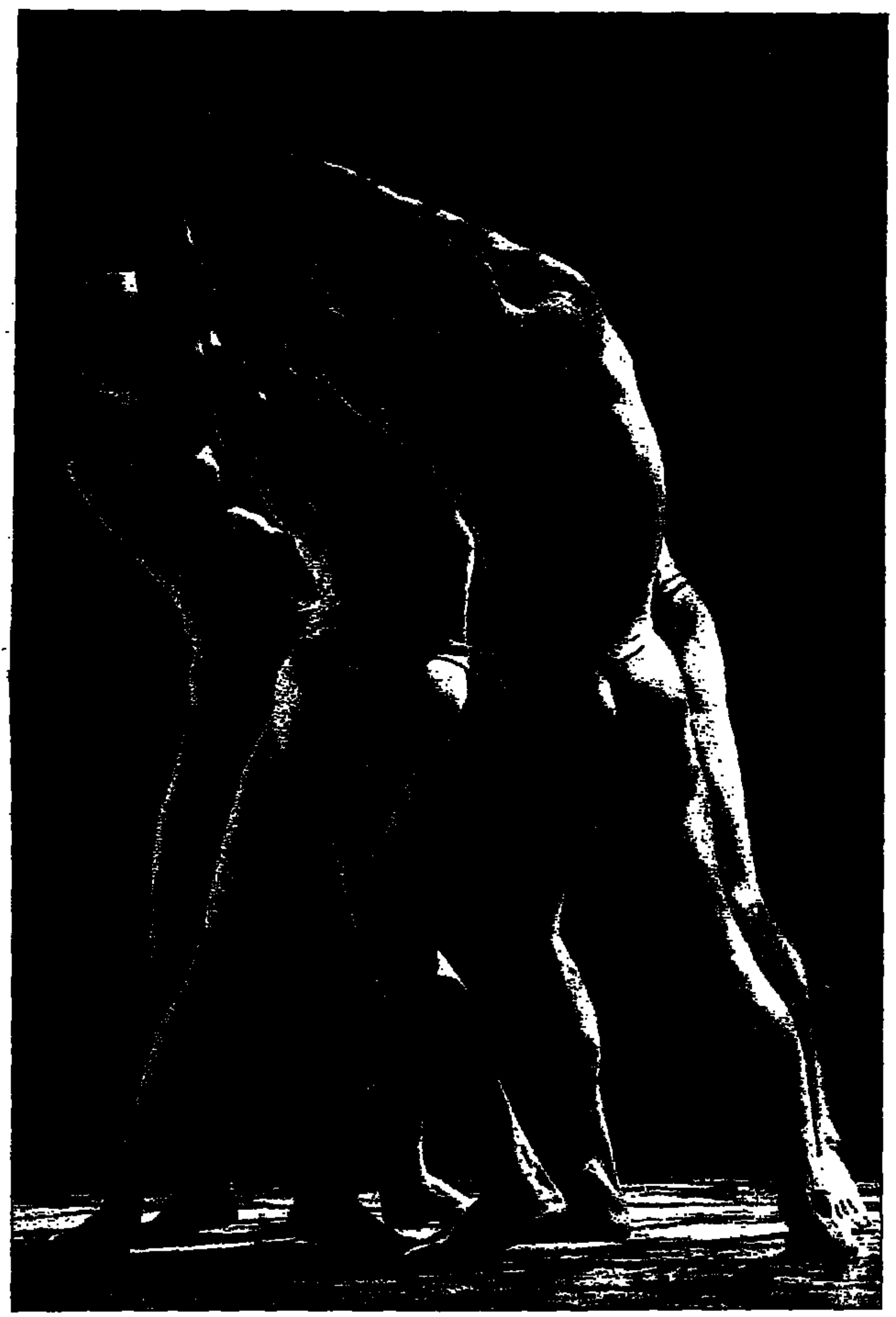
I suggest an answer lies in the stimulus of seeing people use their bodies illogically. In one kind of mime the pretence is that the empty air is as *substantial as a necktie*, prison wall or whatever, and the *body is going through the* appropriate motions. The oth*er kind treats the body* as though it had taken on *another form of being*.

A supreme example of the second will be on view from next week when Theatre de Complicite, not participating in the festival this year, revives *The Three Lives of Lucie Cabrol* for the Shaftesbury. *The cast play chickens*, cows lowing in their stalls, even the earth of a ploughed field, rolling over as the blade *passes them*.

Watching the swift creative *details of these pretences is* as fascinating as I dare say I will find, once again, Marceau's elaborate illusions with non-existent matter. Such pretences are liberating. Flesh can be all too solid, and to escape from its confining logic is a longing that mime (and dance too, I may as well admit) can vicariously satisfy.

I just hope it doesn't come with a topping of whimsy, that's all.

● *The London International Mime Festival runs from Saturday to January 29. Information: 071-637 5661*



Silent stars: Marcel Marceau (top left); Théâtre de l'Ange fou in *The Man Who Preferred to Stand* (lower left). Right, from the top: Marionetteatern from Sweden in *Ghost Sonata*; The People Show; and The Glee Club

ARTS BRIEFING

Gold for Sir Colin

NEXT month Sir Colin Davis joins the elite band of conductors — Beecham, Toscanini, Karajan, Boult, Solti and Haitink among them — who have been awarded the Royal Philharmonic Society's Gold Medal. Davis will receive the medal at the Barbican on February 19, during a London Symphony Orchestra concert at which he will conduct the world premiere of Sir Michael Tippett's new (and final) orchestral work, *The Rose Lake*. Tippett, who himself won the medal in 1976, will make the presentation.

● WHAT is billed as the "biggest television series ever produced in Britain" will make its small-screen debut in March. It is Gerry Anderson's *Space Precinct*, a 21st-century adventure series about two New York policemen who are sent on an exchange programme to a far-off galaxy.

With a budget of £23 million, the show parades a range of advanced special effects created by British technicians at Pinewood and Shepperton Studios. It will be shown first on BSkyB and then on BBC TV in the autumn.

Ludwig in love

GARY Oldman, best known for portraying the short-lived punk star Sid Vicious in *Sid and Nancy*, depicts an even more significant musical rebel in a film to be released in Britain this March. He plays Beethoven in *Immortal Beloved*, written and directed by the British director Bernard Rose, and also starring Isabella Rossellini as the Countess Anna Marie Erdody, and Barry Humphries as the Austrian Chancellor Metternich.

The soundtrack comes with impeccable credentials: it is conducted by Sir Georg Solti and includes such distinguished soloists as Murray Perahia and Yo Yo Ma. Oldman and Rossellini, who met on the set, have subsequently announced their engagement.

● BIDDING is expected to be intense in New York today as a newly rediscovered bronze figure of Cleopatra, claimed as the work of the great 16th-century Florentine sculptor Benvenuto Cellini, goes under the hammer at Sotheby's. The claim, made by Professor Peter Mellor of Santa Barbara University, is based on examination of an inventory of Cellini's studio at the time of his death.

"Dr Mellor's arguments are extremely convincing in confirming the tentative links to Cellini made by other scholars," said Elizabeth Wilson, Sotheby's director of Renaissance sculpture. There are fewer than 15 surviving Cellini sculptures in existence.

Cape and chorus

ZORRO, the swashbuckling do-gooder of Spanish California immortalised in more than a dozen films, is due for a comeback this year. Steven Spielberg is shooting a £40 million film of the Zorro legend with Sean Connery and Andy Garcia. But before then, the black-masked, cape-wearing hero visits the Theatre Royal Stratford East when *Zorro — The Musical!* receives its world premiere.

Ken Hill, who gave the world the stage version of *The Invisible Man*, is responsible for Zorro's musical incarnation, which is based on the original 1919 comic strip characters and uses traditional zarzuela music with lyrics by Hill, who also directs. Previews start on February 4; opening night is February 14.

ROCK: David Thomas, cult hero behind the fondly remembered Pere Ubu, tells **Guy Walters** about his latest assault on the humdrum

Nothing old — that's something new

"I'm perfectly happy to destroy the entire performance on a whim," David Thomas says. "My audiences find this exciting"

David Thomas is a big American with no time for English small talk. Ask him, as some form of conversational ice-breaker, if he likes living in London, and he'll say: "Yeah. Sure. I live here. I've collected furniture, I've collected computers; it's a lot of trouble to move."

Thomas was brought up in Cleveland, Ohio, where in the 1970s he formed Pere Ubu, a group that won a cult following with rock that initially sounded a mess, but on closer inspection revealed itself to be a strangely cohesive thing. Certainly, Thomas's lyrics were surreal: "Some hats tumble/And fly through the air/Some hats sit on foam heads/And stare/Oweowei."

You simply can't ask a man who writes like that about *recycling initiatives* in his adopted Wandsworth.

Pere Ubu first stopped in 1982, but Thomas has resurrected it on a number of occasions, the most recent being last year, with the recording of *Ray Gun Suitcase*. He has also worked in a variety of eccentric formats with other musicians, touring extensively throughout Europe.

Thomas's latest offering, besides remastering the extensive Pere Ubu back catalogue for imminent re-release by "a major record company", is an outfit called David Thomas and 2 Pale Boys, which is now five gigs old. The direction is this: "A song is best the first two to three times it's played, when the musicians playing it are excited by discovery and eager for fulfilment. The object of 2 Pale Boys is to achieve this on a regular basis."

But doesn't this smack of (dread word) *improvisation*? "*I don't like improvisation: It's* too self-indulgent," Thomas says. "The point of what we do is that we work around songs — you spontaneously generate the songs."

That *still* sounds like improvisation. "The difference is . . . I don't know. Usually improvisation has to do with some sort of jazz thing which is alien to me. The differences may be subtle but I hope they're not."

Unusual they may be, but Thomas's songs still rely on *the rock form* of verse and chorus. So, "you get all the good *stuff* (*structure, focus* and applied dynamics) without any of the bad (tedium, indulgence and predictability)." Good.

Naturally, Thomas could spend the rest of his nights thrashing out a Pere Ubu set, but spontaneous song generation suits his on-stage persona better. "The strength and the *weakness of my performance* is that you really do have the *sensation there's a human* being in front of you that is totally subject to mood: it can all fall apart at any point and usually it will.

"If I'm in a bad mood and something is bothering me, I'm perfectly happy to destroy the entire performance on a whim. Generally, my audiences find this exciting."

But what about his fellow musicians, don't they get a *little annoyed with this*? "They get used to it. The good part is that *I'll* try to ruin the performance for a couple of songs and then *I'll* start feeling guilty — for the audience of course, because they've paid their money. But the musicians get paid — they don't care."

It seems appropriate that Thomas has settled in Britain, the land of glorious amateurism. "I have no professional graces," he says. "*I don't particularly care* if the show is a mess or not, I don't *feel a professional thing in* keeping the façade going — all *I* care about is the performance, which I'm willing to destroy."

So is Thomas a singer or a performer? "I'm a singer. I'm a rock singer. But these divisions are alien culture to me. It smacks of *Artism*."

Thomas is defiantly anti-art and anti-categorisation. He cites music as the only pure art *form*, because, he claims, "all visual art is based on deception and is a totally inferior form, only marginally lower in the social scale than used-car men and actors." What about fiction? "All fiction does is to give *you something* to do on the transatlantic flight as far as I'm concerned."

Thomas is aware of his flippancy, but *he does have* a mentality that rejects popular notions. "*If something is* popularly held to be true, then my *rule* is that *if you look in the* opposite direction you'll find the real truth. Common wisdom to me is a sure sign of falsity."

So what does Thomas get up to when he's not attempting to destroy his own performance? Rehearse? "No. I work at computers and things a lot. I've learnt the authoring language for creating CD-Rom. I've been working on that for a year and I'm about to start putting it to serious use."

He also writes articles. What about? "Siberia. Elvis. Other things. Fringe rock music, social, cultural articles."

What did he write about Siberia? "I've always been interested in the issue of isolation and growth of musical form. I wanted to get out to Siberia as this wave of commercial rockism was reaching it, and obliterated the natural form rock had taken there."

Was the article published? "No. I guess it was a bit dense."

● *David Thomas and 2 Pale Boys are at the Sausage Machine, The Russell Arms, Lidlington Place, London NW1 (071-607 5268), on Friday. There will be a UK tour in March*

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Following Darwin and the evolution of Welsh golf

John Hopkins celebrates a notable centenary by travelling to the Principality's golfing paradise

One hundred years ago today men from golf clubs all over Wales climbed aboard railway trains and headed for Shrewsbury. Coming from Borth, Aberdovey and Merionethshire, from Rhyl and Caernarvonshire, from Porthcawl and The Glamorganshire, they made their way to the Raven Hotel, where that evening they agreed to found the Welsh Golfing Union (WGU). Not for the first time, the Welsh were ahead of the English. The English Golf Union was formed in 1924.

It might seem odd for a Welsh organisation to be founded in a county town in England but in those days it was easier to reach Shrewsbury from north and south Wales than from any town in the Principality. One who made regular train journeys was Bernard Darwin, grandson of Charles, who later became golf correspondent of *The Times*.

It was R. M. Ruck (later Major General Sir Richard), a relative of Darwin, who had called the founding meeting of the WGU. The Ruck family founded Aberdovey Golf Club. With antecedents like these, it was not long before Darwin was roped in, too. He joined the executive committee of the WGU in 1898. Darwin, who wrote like an angel, was one of the greatest of sporting essayists. Almost as much as golf, he loved train journeys and referred to them constantly, though not always favourably. "To get from north to south Wales is not so easy a matter as might be supposed," he once wrote. "It entails much waiting at junctions, which have been placed in some of the most melancholy and deserted spots on the face of the earth."

In an essay entitled "Aberdovey" he describes a journey from London to that mid-Wales town where he spent many of his childhood holidays. Its course, he wrote, "my soul loves best of all the courses in the world". Rereading this essay and feeling the excitement that coursed through Darwin's prompted me to recreate this journey.

It could not have begun more felicitously. Darwin wrote of arriving at Euston by cab, of tipping a porter sixpence and of taking a corner seat in a carriage, of having arrived "absurdly early". Taxis and porters combined to deliver me, complete with golf clubs and suitcase, and an item that Darwin would not have heard of, let alone possess, a portable computer, equally early to the station.

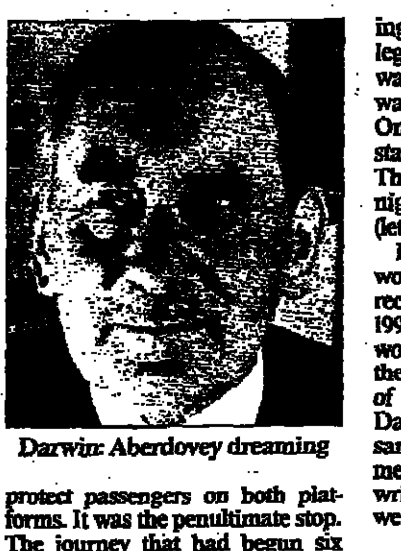
A train that should have already departed was waiting on the platform and duly began to move unenthusiastically towards the Midlands. "The stations will whirl past," Darwin wrote, and they did until Birmingham New Street. A screen on platform 7B showed that the Aberystwyth train left at 14.07. At the bottom of the screen were the words Regional Railways, a less mellifluous name than The Cambrian Railway, three words that so excited Darwin.

Then came dirty Wolverhampton, Telford Central, Wellington and Shrewsbury. "At Shrewsbury," Darwin wrote, "will be encountered my two kind hosts and other golfers bound for the same paradise ... then we shall pack ourselves into another carriage, for the second half of our journey ... I should not be surprised if we even attempted to waggle each others clubs in the extremely confined space at our disposal."

Last Monday almost every seat was taken as the small, two-carriage "Sprinter" train pointed its nose at the English border. In fading light it sped deep into Wales, the luscious green and hedged fields around Welshpool replacing the industrial wastelands of Wolverhampton. Welshpool (*Y Trallwng* in Welsh) was followed by Newtown (*Drenewydd*) and Caersws (*Caersws*).

"The train comes into a country of mountains and jolly, foaming mountain streams. It pants up the steep hill to a solitary little station called Talerddig," Darwin wrote. I shall take Darwin's word for all that. Of jolly, foaming mountain streams I saw little because it was dark and rain pounded the windows. Of Talerddig, I saw nothing. Dr Beeching and his railway cuts had seen to that.

Then came Machynlleth ("Let a Saxon try to pronounce that!" Darwin wrote). The pretty and newly-painted station had an Edwardian glass roof reaching out to protect passengers on both platforms. It was the penultimate stop. The journey that had begun six hours earlier was nearly over. "Then on again through the darkness, til we stop once more," was as true now as when Darwin wrote it. "There is a wild rush of small boys outside our carriage window, fighting and clamouring for the privilege of carrying our clubs." That wasn't quite the same. Aberdovey was reached in pitch darkness. One passenger alighted onto a station that was totally deserted. The train whirred away into the night, heading north for Pwllheli (let a Saxon try pronouncing that!).



Darwin: Aberdovey dreaming

I trudged away from the station wondering whether Darwin would recognise Aberdovey in January 1995. Over my shoulder was the wonderful golf course, ahead of me the neat little town. Despite a film of rain, I knew exactly how Darwin had felt because I felt the same way. His words would do for me. Not for the first time he had written it better. "Nunc dimittis — we have arrived at Aberdovey."

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United front called for credibility

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN SAN DIEGO

THERE can be few sporting events more acrimonious than the America's Cup. The most famous trophy in yachting has a 142-year history of arguments, accusations and underhand dealings that began with the schooner, *America*, taking a short cut at the eastern end of the Solent during a race around the Isle of Wight in 1853 to win what was then the 100 Guineas Cup.

More recently, the sport endured two years of unedifying rancour when Michael Fay, a New Zealand banker, explored a loophole in the rule to wrong-foot both defenders and challengers with his "big boat" campaign. It was met with an equally mischievous catamaran defence skippered by Dennis Conner, and the cup ended up being won and lost in a Manhattan court.

Seven years later, the sour memory of that court battle lingers, so much so that challengers and defenders preparing for the start of the 29th defence, tomorrow, are going to unparalleled lengths to show a united, sporting front.

Take last week, for example. When a tornado ripped through the *PACT '95* compound in Mission Bay, wiping out their sail loft and blowing their one boat on its side, Dennis Conner's *Stars & Stripes* team and the *Women's Challenge*, led by Bill Koch, were the first to offer support.

Other signs of a realisation that the sport has to put on a clean act if the cup is to survive as an event are the unprecedented trials that have been taking place between challenger and defender groups. In previous years, such an act would have been sufficient to be blackballed from the New York YC, which held the trophy for 132 years before Alan Bond's marauding Australians "stole" the trophy with their rule-breaking wing-keeled wonder, *Australia II*.

But now the *PACT* team has been openly trialing against the Japanese and French teams, and the women have been showing a lighter side by "hooking up" in straight drag racing against some of the seven challengers.

There is a mood that the event has to change if it is to survive. In an interview, Bob Spriggs, a leading member of the San Diego YC, which organised the America's Cup world championship here last autumn admitted: "Four months of racing is too long. The public find it difficult to maintain real interest for so long. Even in San Diego, some people don't understand what the event is all about."

Spriggs has called for an international organisation to replace the holding yacht club as organisers and to move the event around the world. "It's time for everyone involved with the cup to take an unselfish view," he said. "If not, then the event will slowly strangle itself."

With a programme of more than 100 trial races between the Louis Vuitton Challengers and Citizen Cup defence candidates, before the America's Cup even begins, on May 6, his views could well win a growing following.

Conner: mischievous

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Stars & Stripes
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Young America (PACT '95)
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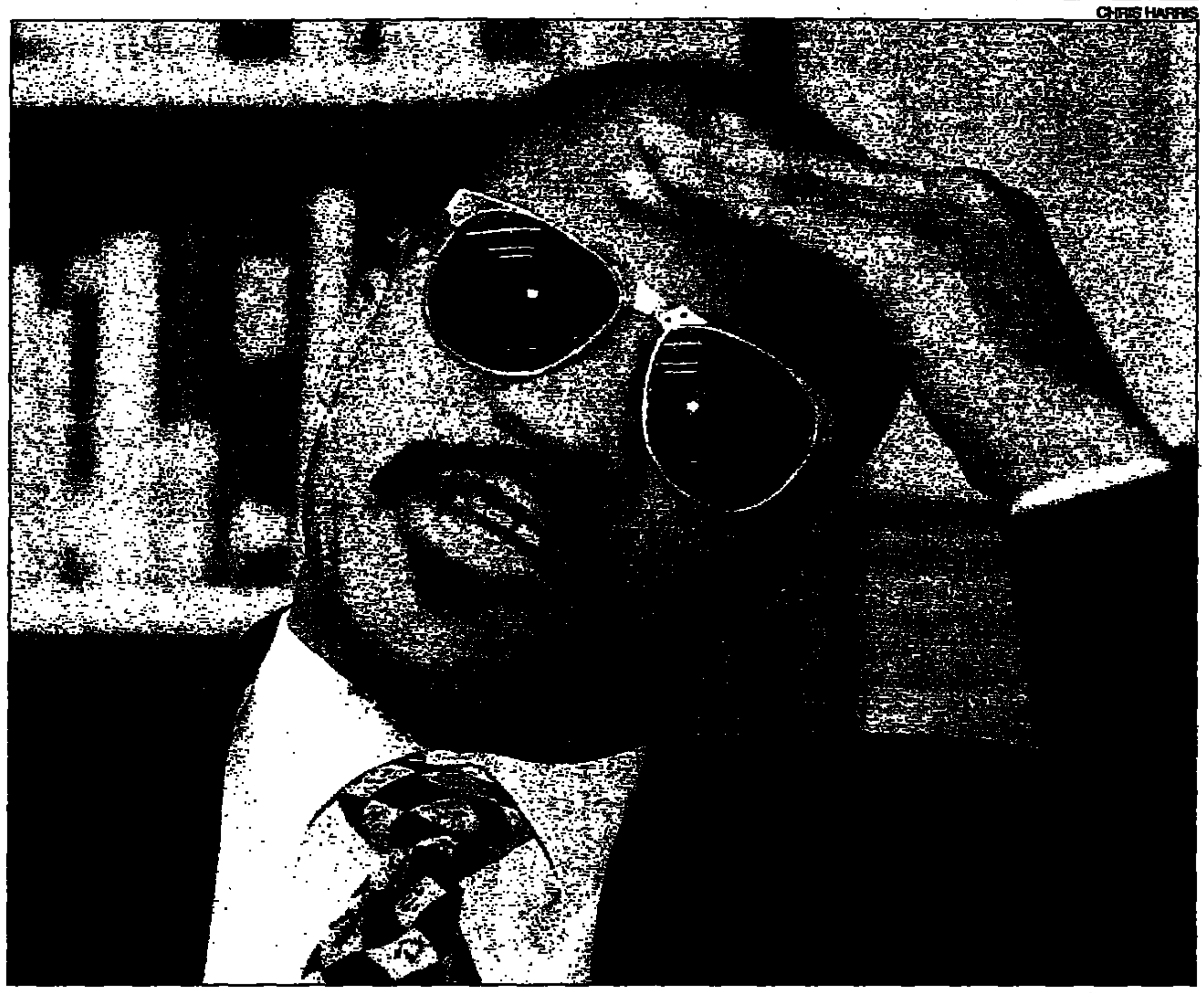

CHRIS HARRIS

Honeyghan vowed to hand out a boxing lesson to Dodson after meeting his opponent in London yesterday

Honeyghan promises master class

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

THE master and the student met yesterday. They were introduced to each other at the American College in London and the master promptly promised to teach the student a lesson. Lloyd Honeyghan, 34, intends to give Adrian Dodson, 24, a thrashing when they meet at the London Arena on February 25 for saying that he is an old man who does not belong in boxing today.

"This guy is history," Dodson said. "What's he doing in the ring with me? This isn't the Eighties, this is 1995." Honeyghan did not rise to the taunts but quietly promised to knock out the upstart.

Honeyghan has had more title bouts (16) in his 14-year career than Dodson has had learning contests (11). He intends to prove at the expense of the unbeaten and much-vaunted Islington light-middleweight that he still has what it takes to go for his tenth world title bout. If he beats Dodson, he will get a world title bout with Julio César Vásquez, of Argentina.

Honeyghan and Dodson are on the undercard of the Nigel Benn and Gerald McClellan world championship show, but their contest could have been the main event at a big venue. For boxing followers it will reveal how much the former world champion has left in him and whether Dodson will prove too strong.

Dodson, who has a BA from the American College in business administration and is studying for his MA, will be travelling to the United States, where he grew up, to train at another American centre of hard work — Sing Sing prison — where he boxed from the age of 11 under Sergeant Bob Jackson. While Honeyghan could not boast similar influence at Parkhurst, the former world champion said he, too, had a BA — in Boxing Ability.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Tognoni dismissed in Fifa shake-up

IN AN abrupt shake-up, Fifa, the world governing body of football, yesterday dismissed the high-profile directors of its press and competitions departments. Guido Tognoni, 44, from Switzerland, the director of the press department, was the public face of Fifa for 11 years. He was also heavily involved in the organisation of the World Cup finals in the United States last summer and was responsible for sponsorship and television rights for all Fifa tournaments. Miguel Galan, 48, from Chile, had worked for the body for 20 years.

The general secretary of Fifa, Sepp Blatter, said that the men had refused to accept the appointment of Michel Zen-Ruffinen, of Switzerland, who had been in charge of management services, as his No 2.

Props prefer Wales

RUGBY LEAGUE: Kelvin Skerrett and Neil Cowie, the Great Britain prop forwards, have opted to represent Wales rather than England in the European championship and the World Cup in October (Christopher Irvine writes).

A third Wigan player, Martin Hall, has made a similar decision and Welsh officials are said to be checking the availability of Shaun Edwards, the Great Britain captain.

Outsider comes good

MOTOR RALLYING: Jean-Pierre Fontenay, of France, an outsider, stole the show from the race favourites by winning the ninth stage of the Dakar rally, in the Mauritanian sands yesterday. Fontenay, driving a Mitsubishi, was fastest on the day's 347-kilometre leg from Chinguetti, with Ari Vatanen, of Finland, taking second place, 3min 34sec behind. Pierre Lartigue, the defending champion, leads overall.

Hingis warms to task

TENNIS: Martina Hingis, 14, from Switzerland, rallied from 2-4 in the final set to beat Meredith McGrath — nine years her senior and No 36 in the world — 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 in the first round of the New South Wales Open. Hingis, who will play only 12 tournaments this year, is using the competition as a warm-up for the Australian Open next week.

Wells keeps his place

GLIDING: Martyn Wells maintained his fourth position overall in the standard class of the world championships yesterday after the second day of competition in Omarama, New Zealand. He finished twelfth on the second day after his class win on the opening day. In the 15-metre event, Justin Wills, of Britain, remained sixth overall.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
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Coca-Cola Cup
Quarter-finals
*Bolton v Norwich
Crystal Palace v Man City (7.45)
Liverpool v Arsenal (7.45)
*Swindon v Millwall (7.45)

Auto Windscreens Shield
Quarter-final
Northern section
Rochdale v Stockport

Bell's Scottish League
Premier division
Celtic v Hearts

First division
Dunfermline v Raith
St Johnstone v Dundee

Third division
Ross County v Forfar

DIADORA LEAGUE: Carlsberg Cup: Third round: Molesey v Walton and Hersham. Carlsberg Trophy: Third round: Harlow v Leighton

CHESHIRE SENIOR CUP: Third round: Caernarfon v Altrincham, Vauxhall v Runcorn.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Willesden v Hanwell

ESSEX SENIOR CUP: Quarter-final. Dagenham and Redbridge v Grays Athletic

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Brache Sparta v Potters Bar; Buckingham Ath v Biggleswade

CAWOODS COUNTY ANTRIM SHIELD: Semi-final: Glenavon v Portadown

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Third round, first leg: Ton Pentre v Cwmbran.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: *President's Cup: Third round:* Hallam v North Ferriby Utd; Sheffield V Arnold Town.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Soham v Haverhill

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Christchurch v Wimborne.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Bristol Rovers (7.15), Ipswich v Watford, Norwich v Portsmouth, Oxford United v Queens Park Rangers; Southampton v Tottenham (at Marchwood FC). Charlton v Crystal Palace (at Welling Town, 7.0). Postponed: Swindon v Wimbledon. Second division: Bournemouth v Hereford (2.0). Exeter v Bath (7.0); Plymouth v Birmingham; Swansea v Cardiff (2.0), Torquay v Cheltenham

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: West Bromwich v Nottingham Forest (7.0); Everton v Manchester United (7.0). Postponed: Sunderland v Tranmere. Second division: Mansfield v Grimsby (7.0). Preston v Sheffield Wednesday (7.0); Hull v Bradford (7.0), Oldham v Blackpool (7.0). York v Newcastle (7.0)

FA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Aston Villa v Leyton Orient. Third-round replay: Middlesbrough v Coventry; Doncaster v Sunderland.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: ESFA Fuji Film Trophy: Fifth round: East Durham v South Tyneside (at Wingate FC, 6.30); Lea Valley v Luton (at Hertford Town) FA Premier League Under-18 Trophy: Cornwall v Devon (at Truro FC, 6.30). ESFA Snickers Under-19 Trophy: St Austell's College v Exeter College (2.0)

RUGBY UNION

Representative matches
Civil Service V RAF
(at Chiswick, 2.15)
East Wales Schools v New Zealand Schools
(at Glamorgan Wanderers, 6.30)
Royal Navy v British Fire Service
(at Rectory, 7.0)
South West Schools v Australia Schools
(at Bridgwater, 6.0)

Club matches
Abertillery v Berry Hill (7.0)
Moseley v Loughborough Students (7.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Stones Bitter championship
First division
Doncaster v Bradford
Featherstone v Sheffield
Halifax v Wigan P
Oldham v Leeds
Wakefield v St Helens
Widnes v Workington P

Second division
Highfield v Whitehaven
Keighley v London Broncos
Swinton v Leigh

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Leicester v Sunderland (8.0). Manchester v Derby (8.0).

SNOOKER: Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge (Birmingham).

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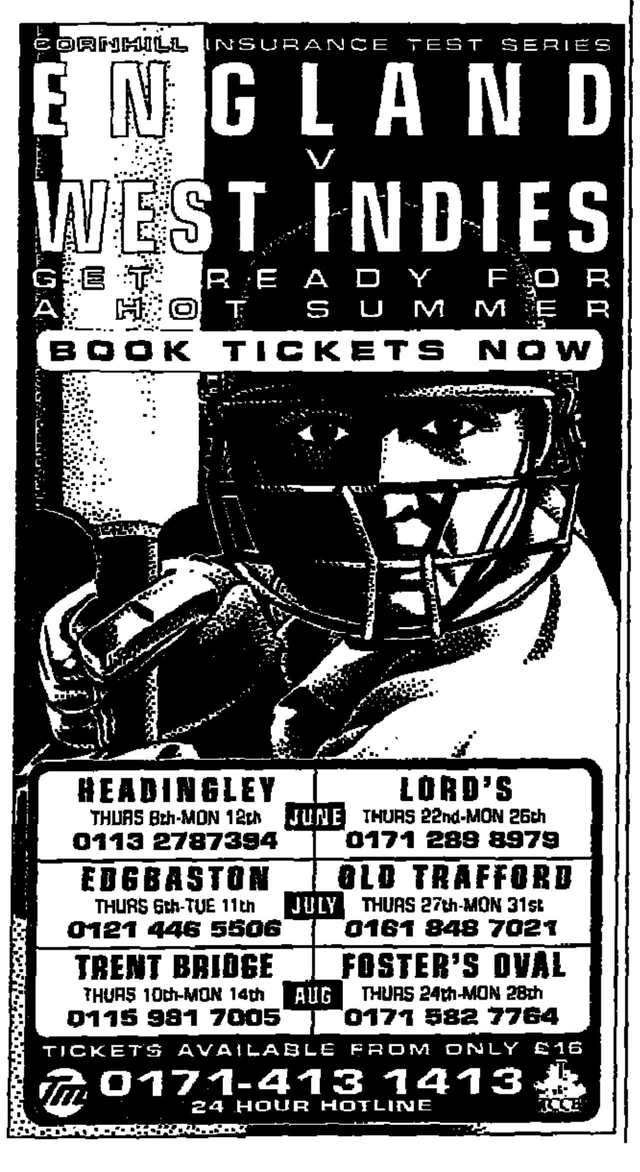

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Bath stand-off half displaces Hull at full back for opener in Dublin

Catt napped by Rowell in unchanged England

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

ENGLAND will go into the bearpit of Lansdowne Road against Ireland on January 21 with a tiro full back in Michael Catt. The Bath stand-off half wins selection, controversially it must be said, ahead of Paul Hull and Jonathan Callard, his club colleague at the Recreation Ground, on the strength of 53 minutes of rugby played against Canada last month.

However fulsome the comments made of Catt yesterday by Jack Rowell, the England manager, after naming the team which finished the match with the Canadians as the one that will start against Ireland, the fact remains that England have chosen to begin the five nations' championship with a full back whose club — and, probably, international — future lies elsewhere.

"Catt came off the bench [against Canada] and displayed immense all-round skills which impressed everybody, so we thought we would go forward with him in the Irish game," Rowell said. It will be the first time that Catt, 23, has started an international, the first of his two caps also having come as a replacement, against Wales last season, and he can expect a torrid baptism from opponents who have won their last two games against England.

ENGLAND

M J Catt (Bath)	2 caps
T Underwood (Leicester)	12
W D C Carling (Harlequins, capt)	51
J C Guscott (Bath)	30
R Underwood (Leicester/RAF)	69
C R Andrew (Wasps)	61
K P P Bracken (Bristol)	4
J Leonard (Harlequins)	34
B C Moore (Harlequins)	54
V E Ubogu (Bath)	11
T A K Rodber (Northampton/Army)	10
M O Johnson (Leicester)	8
M C Bayfield (Northampton)	18
B B Clarke (Bath)	13
D Richards (Leicester)	38

REPLACEMENTS: J E B Callard (Bath, 3), P R de Glanville (Bath, 10), C D Morris (Orrell, 20), S O Ojomoh (Bath, 5), R G R Dawe (Bath, 4), G C Rowntree (Leicester, 0)

But Catt's confidence, already high, will be boosted not only by this gesture of faith but by the likelihood of the Rugby Football Union's (RFU) executive committee taking no further its inquiry into allegations of unauthorised payments made to him during his playing career with Eastern Province in South Africa.

Dennis Easby, the president of the RFU, said that he did not expect the committee meeting on Friday to force a change in the selected England side after Catt admitted, in a newspaper article in October, that he had received payment — now said to be "normal" monthly expenses — for playing. If the RFU takes the issue no further, the International Rugby Football Board, which asked for the inquiry to be held, will not do so either.

The England selectors picked Catt even though they believed that Hull, the Bristol player who enjoyed such a successful tour of South Africa last summer, would have been fit and that Callard, who was capped three times last season, is playing with some élan for his club. They had no guarantee, though, that Hull, who has not played for a month because of a strained Achilles tendon, would be ready, and their omission of him is not surprising.

Catt, a marketing executive with the Johnson's News Group in Bath, played full back regularly at Grey High School in Port Elizabeth and when he graduated to the Eastern Province B team. Since his arrival in England nearly three years ago, however, he had played full back only once, for the Bath second XV, before his dramatic entry against the Canada, when he scored two tries in the 60-19 victory.

"That doesn't worry me," Catt said. "I can read the game fairly well at No 10, and 15 is just a different angle. We train at Bath on lines of running, without set positions, and, for me, this is just another game in a country where I haven't played before. It will be Paul Burke's first game at stand-off for Ireland, too, and if we can pressurise him, I could have an easy game."

Catt may say that, but he will not believe it. He must also cover stand-off, in case of injury to Rob Andrew, which is why Callard is among the replacements.

The other areas of debate in the team were scrum half, where Kyran Bracken's speed of pass won him the vote ahead of Dewi Morris, and back row, where England keep faith with their three No 8s in a team which, they hope, will carry them successfully through this championship and the World Cup.

Injury doubts surrounding Tony Underwood, Jason Leonard and Victor Ubogu will be resolved in training this weekend. The team management has already reached agreement with leading clubs that players will be released from league duty, but no more than three from any one club: Bath and Leicester each give four to England and will be entitled to decide which of the quartet they will field against, respectively, Northampton and Orrell.

Rowell expects Dean Richards and Catt to play, but Catt, who suffered from a throat infection last week, hopes that the traditional weekend off for a "debutant" will be granted him by Bath, even though they are short of cover at stand-off. Leonard, who turned an ankle training in Lanzarote, has expressed the wish to play for Harlequins against Wasps. Should he withdraw, Graham Rowntree, of Leicester, will win his first cap.

ENGLAND STUDENTS (v Irish Students, Port Laoise, January 20): T Stimpson (Durham); J Naylor (Wigan and Leigh College), M Allen (Loughborough), M Denney (Bristol), A Healey (Leeds Metropolitan); S Howard (West London IHE), A Gomersall (Oxford Brookes); D Malloy (Thames Valley), G Adams (Bath), W Green (Oxford Brookes), M Corry (Northumbria), G Webster (Loughborough), R Bramley (Cambridge, captain), N Richardson (Cambridge), E Rollitt (Cambridge). Replacements: M Singer (Bristol), S Johnson (Bath), D Macer (Oxford Brookes), M Long (Northumbria), A Meadows (Cambridge), A Metcalfe (Cambridge).

ENGLAND A (v Ireland A, Donnybrook, January 20): M Mapletoft (Gloucester); D Hopley (Wasps), S Potter (Leicester), N Greenstock (Wasps), J Sleightholme (Bath); P Grayson (Northampton), S Bates (Wasps, captain); R Hardwick (Coventry), M Regan (Bristol), J Mallett (Bath), L Dallaglio (Wasps), G Archer (Newcastle Gosforth), S Shaw (Bristol), N Back (Leicester), A Diprose (Saracens). Replacements: H Thorneycroft (Northampton), J Harris (Leicester), R Kitchin (Harlequins), R Hill (Saracens), R Cockerill (Leicester), D Garforth (Leicester).

MARC ASPLAND

Catt can expect to be the focus of Irish eyes when England begin their year in the bothouse of Lansdowne Road

Romantics get no kick out of Blackburn

MIDWEEK VIEW

SIMON BARNES

Winning ugly. An American phrase, and any American person of sport will tell you that it beats the hell out of losing pretty.

Take racehorses. I remember well the remorseless Reference Point, a horse that won the Derby of 1987 by grinding every other horse into the ground. The horse compelled admiration, inspired no affection.

But there is another kind of horse, one that gallops, but at a certain distance from the post, can be unleashed like an arrow from a bow. In a stride they change from gallop into a gait that looks suspiciously like flight.

Dancing Brave did that in the Derby the previous year — and finished second. Losing pretty. He had his revenge on the world in the Arc in Paris with the most dramatic burst of pure speed, or pure flight, that I have ever seen, and I loved him for it. *Quel cheval!*

Reference Point was the equine version of winning ugly. And so, after a prolonged FA Cup weekend that has been spectacularly short on drama, romance and upset, and tediously long on big sides winning ugly, we move back to the business of the league.

For most neutrals, that means who, and please God someone soon, will beat the Reference Point of football. Who can stop Blackburn Rovers? There is clamorous desire, largely led by football writers, to see them brought low.

What have Blackburn done to deserve such a fate? Their every win is grudged, their goal tally sniffed at. But they do have a spectacular number of bad public relations points.

The first is being in Blackburn. Long way from London. If you want to witness discomfort in action, watch the nation's leading football writers waiting for Kenny Dalglish, the Blackburn manager, praying that the post-match press conference will be finished in time for the last train home from Preston.

And then you have Dalglish himself, and his carefully cultivated quality of sneering banality. His every reply is a careful insult to the questioner. You can get fed up with that.

But it is the football people get most fed up with. True, no one can complain about the skill and appetite of the forwards, Shearer and Sutton. In a few months, they have become halves of a pair, sum greater and more deadly than the two parts. But that's it for the glories of Blackburn. Whack the ball to those two and let them get on with it. Well, why not? It works.

But it is winning ugly. It is Reference Point football. It alienates the sympathy of the neutrals; it distresses the ballet critics in the press box.

Blackburn are not Wimbledon. But then there is something profoundly sympathetic about Wimbledon. They have no crowd, they don't even have their own ground. They have no money to speak of. Yet still they hang in there in the top division.

But Blackburn cannot plead poverty. Money has been lavished upon them. They are the way they are, Reference Point footballers, because they have chosen to be. They do not muddle along, desiring this man's gift and that man's scope.

Why should they? Contrary to popular belief, there are no marks for artistic impression in football. There is the argument that lean, unlovely football gets found out at higher levels than the Premiership, and Blackburn, beaten in Europe, have as yet no answer to that. But, then, nor do Manchester United.

The fact is that Blackburn work, or that Blackburn works. All neutrals must accept that. And yet on Monday night I watched Giggs in gallop, a Dancing Brave of a footballer if ever there was one, hinting tantalisingly at a return to his youthful best. And Cantona's chip, too: such moments incline one to seek moral arguments for pretty football. And there are none.

Duty to entertain? But that is a nonsense; footballers have a duty to win. Duty to improve the national game? An irrelevance. Duty to strive towards excellence? Surely the championship comes first. And yet — and yet, one wishes for more. For the Dancing Brave factor.

But let us strive for fairness, perhaps even a little logic. Blackburn are entitled to cultivate their garden as they wish. Let us call in the well-known football writer Voltaire: "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

That is almost the last word on Blackburn. But Cantona — no doubt he reads Voltaire — can reply: "*Le mieux est l'ennemi du bien.*" The best is the enemy of the good.

THE TIMES

COURAGE FIRST XV

COURAGE BEST WEEKLY SCORE

The star of the week is Owen Cobbe, the London Irish stand-off. His points tally of 17, having taken over the kicking role from Corcoran, made a mockery of his 22 rating and gave him a massive 370 rated points. Not surprisingly, Cobbe had been selected by this week's winner, M.L. Jones of Sheffield whose team, Morganbeaters, had 969 points.

An entrant in the second half game only, he wins two cases of Courage beer and a fully-installed BT satellite system. Meadowhead School RFC will be grateful to him too: as his nominated club they win five cases of Courage Directors Bitter, a Courage Best England shirt and a training session by a member of the England squad.

Cobbe and this week's seven scoring forwards have turned the overall leader table on its head. Steve Blake has jumped eight places to number one.

THE LEADING 50 ENTRIES OVERALL

Pos Team name	(Selector)	Week points	Cum points
1 Who Ate All The	Mr Steve Blake	899	3755
2 Toppers X V	P Gorring	618	3564
3 Mets Flying XV	Mr M Horton	120	3532
4 Pendeen	Mr JTO Jones	185	3490
5 Baby in Waiting	Mr Gary Pierce	263	3478
6 Notts One	Mr Justin Nett	10	3433
7 Arns Fidelis	Maj A McCubbin	649	3425
8 Crash Ball Viper	Mr D Edwards	404	3424
9 Lloden	Mr A Newbold	418	3411
10 Fish City XV	Mr P Hyland	198	3370
11 Kirsty's Dream	Ms M Carter	583	3305
12 Savvy Superstars	Mrs P Saverimutto	468	3294
13 The Cobblers	Mr T Harrison	312	3288
14 S Calver XV	Mr Simon Calver	350	3250
15 Belmont	Mrs Farida McFarland	374	3208
16 Dilliculshire	HLB Etherton	255	3206
17 Grimeys Gritters	Mr G Neal	185	3205
18 DLSP RFC	Mr M McCrum	335	3203
19 E S Vitry	Mr T Nadin	135	3202
20 Playtub Auras	Mr P Astbury	75	3199
21 Pyle Pirates	Mr CL Barclay	458	3199
22 Lawpark	MDS Lawrence	185	3194
23 Messers Marauder	Mr Tim Messer	360	3185
24 Bobs	Mr N Rhodes	375	3173
25 Newky Gnomes	RW Estes	583	3165
26 Gosforth To Go U	Mr I Sadd	583	3163
27 Pointophobes XV	Dr E George	305	3121
28 LI Wanderers	Mr Christopher Jones	0	3120
29 Barneys Bowmen	Mr AK Jenkinson	288	3106
30 Telegraph Reader	Mr R Owsley	255	3103
31 Dribblings	Mr M Dickson	155	3100
32 Sloe And Whites	Mr D Brook	438	3088
33 Walham Fifteen	Mr Simon Stone	135	3075
34 Cliffkickerfives	Mr N Asker	380	3073
35 No team name	DM Davies	365	3060
36 No team name	DM Davies	365	3060
37 Storming Norms	Mr Duncan Cross	350	3055
38 Hylands Hooligan	Mr Chris Tattersall	215	3041
39 No team name		300	3039
40 Phoenix R F C	RN Parker	300	3035
41 The Welsh Exiles	Mr E G Shepherd	213	3034
42 Earwigs	F Ball	495	3031
43 Second XV	D Ewart	185	3030
44 Chesham Stags	Mr N McHale	195	3030
45 Bath In Disguise	Mr MC Elbourn	328	3028
46 The Old Town Clu	Mr A Sykes	729	3026
47 The Ginger Roger	Mr T Rutherford	227	3021
48 Point Break	Mr M Lawless	238	3012
49 Super Side Steps	Mr Andrew Stackbeck	235	3007
50 Windsor's XV	Mr W Roberts	140	3004

THE LEADING 30 FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE SEASON

1 Morganbeaters	ML Jones	969	969
2 Steves 2nd 15	Mr S Cowley	952	952
3 More Jones Boys	ML Jones	947	947
4 Krebshire	B Wilson	942	942
5 Probyn Kickers	R Hetherington	895	895
6 Bob's Tryers	Mr R Dunn	793	793
7 King's Head Babs	Mr JP O'Mahoney	779	779
8 The Army 1	Mr A Charles	752	752
9 No More Jones Bo	ML Jones	749	749
10 Rams New Greats	RE March	737	737
11 No team name	Mr A Manly	706	706
12 Bradlaugh X V	G Savage	679	679
13 Priorstown	Mr DJ Mason	658	658
14 Greyhounds	Mr JC Matthews	652	652
15 Fair Play	GW Jones	640	640
16 MacS 2nd XV	A Mc Murray	639	639
17 Mark's Marauders	MR Gray	634	634
18 The Lions Roar	Mr MAJ Ewe	622	622
19 Porcubellus	AV Nichol	622	622
20 Terrapins	G Whitehouse	619	619
21 Sandy Welsh	DR Williams	619	619
22 Metacarpellars	Mr A MacKlin	610	610
23 Kilderkins	Mr M Fisher	604	604
24 Harrogate Blues	T Pocock	603	603
25 Ernie's Boys	JE Millicent	600	600
26 Fras X V	B Fraser	596	596
27 Turnip Dream	MJ Scott	595	595
28 Hit For Six	Mr A Prigmore	589	589
29 Grey Horse XV	Mr Tony Miller	589	589
30 Fiji Bound	Dr C Whelan	589	589

NOTES:

1. Following publication of the scores for week nine (November 5) it emerged that incorrect data had been supplied for the London Irish game: the penalty credited to Hennesy was scored by Corcoran. The scores and leader table above have been adjusted accordingly.
2. The 15 new players with code numbers of 301 and above are in the second-half game only.
3. The scores from any matches postponed during this part of the season will count in the table published on the first Wednesday after they are eventually played. The weekly prize will therefore be awarded on the basis of the scores printed in each weekly points table.

THE SCORES FROM LAST SATURDAY'S LEAGUE GAMES AND CUMULATIVE POINTS TOTALS

The Courage 1st XV - Week 10 - January 7, 1995

PLAYER	RATING	ACTUAL PTS	RATED PTS	CUM PTS	CUM PTS 2ND HALF
15. FULL BACK					
LEAGUE 1					
1 J CALLARD	3K	5	10	170	10
2 P HULL	11	0	0	55	0
3 M MAPLETOFT	4K	16	64	305	64
4 D PEARS	15	0	0	0	0
5 W KILFORD	17	0	0	0	0
6 I HUNTER	13	0	0	65	0
7 S TABERNER	18	0	0	0	0
8 J MALLINDER	13	0	0	160	0
9 A BUZZA	17	0	0	0	0
10K OLIPHANT	6K	0	0	312	0
LEAGUE 2					
11 R GEE	15	0	0	0	0
12 A PARKER	5K	0	0	340	0
13 R HENNESSY	19	0	0	285	0
14 D MILLARD	16	0	0	240	0
15 C DOSSETT	17	0	0	85	0
16 S MASON	6K	13	78	684	78
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19 M JACKSON	5K	14	70	575	70
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22 D JOHN	12	0	0	60	0
23 P HOLFORD	14	0	0	280	0
24 J KEYTER	15	0	0	80	0
25 T UNDERWOOD	10	0	0	150	0
26 H THORNEYCROFT	15	0	0	0	0
27 J NAYLOR	12	0	0	60	0
28 S VERBICKAS	7	0	0	105	0
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30 O EVANS	12	0	0	60	0
31 B EVANS	14	0	0	0	0
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33 M CORCORAN	6K	0	0	690	0
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35 D HANSON	12	0	0	0	0
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37 R BYROM	14	0	0	0	0
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40 G MEREDITH	14	0	0	0	0
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43 B MASLEN	17	0	0	0	0
44 G THOMPSON	16	0	0	240	0
45 I BATES	17	0	0	0	0
46K MORGAN	16	0	0	0	0
47 S LANGFORD	7K	14	98	385	98
48 J BAXENDELL	17	5	85	255	85
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58 J BUCKTON	18	0	0	180	0
59 A METCALFE	22	0	0	110	0
60 A NORTHEY	23	0	0	115	0
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61 J GUSCOTT	10	0	0	0	0
62 R KNIBBS	13	0	0	0	0
63 S MORRIS	18	0	0	300	0
64 W CARLING	12	0	0	60	0
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66 N BEAL	8	0	0	0	0
67 I WYNN	14	0	0	290	0
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69 G CHILDS	16	0	0	240	0
70 P HODDER	15	5	75	375	75
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72 S GOUGH	17	10	170	255	170
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75 A KERR	7K	10	70	154	70
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77 S MUSTO	21	0	0	195	0
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83 T SMITH	5K	0	0	75	0
84 D O'LEARY	7	0	0	35	0
85 R UNDERWOOD	11	0	0	0	0
86 C MOIR	14	0	0	0	0
87 P HAMER	13	8	104	180	104
88 M APPLESON	16	0	0	160	0
89 S HUNTER	14	0	0	140	0
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92 G ANDERTON	15	0	0	150	0
93 V ROLANDI	12	0	0	0	0
94 S WICHARY	9	0	0	171	0
95 E ANDERSON	14	5	70	70	70
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104 P CHALLINOR	7K	15	105	462	105
105 J HARRIS	2K	10	20	282	20
106 P GRAYSON	3K	8	24	345	24
107 G AINSCOUGH	6K	0	0	65	0
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109 R ANDREW	3K	6	12	208	12
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111 R ANGELL	5K	9	45	345	45
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113 O COBBE	22	17	374	440	374
114 M WALKER	5K	15	75	370	75
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193 G HALPIN	36	0	0	180	0
194 P BURNELL	42	0	0	0	0
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312 D WRIGHT	25	0	0	0	0
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262 D EVES	20	0	0	300	0
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264 R JENKINS	27	0	0	0	0
265 N BACK	13	0	0	0	0
266 D MERLIN	29	0	0	0	0
267 S BIBBY	29	0	0	0	0
268 N ASHURST	30	0	0	300	0
269 L DALLAGLIO	27	5	135	540	135
270 A BROWN	29	0	0	145	0
271 J HORROBIN	32	0	0	160	0
272 I ASHTON	33	0	0	165	0
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274 I DIXON	30	0	0	0	0
275 M ORD	28	0	0	0	0
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283 M NICHOLLS	22	0	0	0	0
284 C SHEASBY	20	0	0	200	0
285 D RICHARDS	15	0	0	0	0
286 T RODBER	10	5	80	160	80
287 D CLEARY	15	0	0	0	0
288 C VYVYAN	22	0	0	440	0
289 D RYAN	19	0	0	95	0
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291K HICKEY	16	0	0	0	0
292 M GREATOREX	21	0	0	0	0
293 C BIRD	17	0	0	0	0
294 S LUCKE	22	0	0	0	0
295 W HART	23	0	0	0	0
296 R ARNOLD	15	5	90	180	90
297 M BRADLEY	16	0	0	80	0
298 A DIPROSE	19	0	0	190	0
299 M SOWERBY	27	0	0	0	0
300 S BEELEY	29	0	0	145	0
314 R WAINWRIGHT	14	0	0	0	0
315 S OWEN	21	0	0	0	0

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Cole still has plenty to prove

Ferguson walks into minefield with £7m gamble

Rob Hughes looks at the possible ramifications of yesterday's deal between two affluent English clubs

The £7 million signing of Andy Cole yesterday, making him the property of Manchester United from now until the new millennium, raises the stakes in the human game of Monopoly played at the top end of the football industry.

Do not lose sight of that word industry. It is tempting indeed to see Cole as a scarce commodity, an English commodity in a market suddenly, *perhaps temporarily, made* richer than anyone ever fore*saw in the British "game".* Those who can reach out for *Europe, the likes of Manches*ter United and Newcastle United crave English players by which to claim the pot of gold *from the European community.*

But the temptation to view it all in market forces is dangerous beyond belief. Andy Cole is flesh and blood, vulnerable as recent history has proved in flesh and bone, tremendously vulnerable in his character. He will need, as never before, a personal relationship, a bonding of trust, with his new manager, Alex Ferguson.

It seemed, until yesterday, that he had that with Kevin Keegan. Clearly, he did not and if Keegan, himself desperately ambitious for the club, felt that in any way his ability *to motivate* and to keep healthy his prime goalscorer *had waned, he was absolutely* right to take the astronomical *money on offer.*

For the relationship between football manager and a star striker is almost as personal as man and wife: indeed, most people can think of some football widows who swear that their men are more faithful in the dressing-room than in the matrimonial contract.

So the sale of Cole, the consequential pushing out from Old Trafford of Mark Hughes, the chase that Keegan will now be involved in to spend his new wealth on Stan Collymore, Les Ferdinand, Chris Armstrong or Matthew Le Tissier, is a breakdown *tantamount* to divorce.

Who knows, when Keegan said yesterday that he now has *the means to shop* anywhere in the world, he may be *waiting to see if Romario, the* winner of the World Cup not *six months ago*, is really going home to Rio after all. Romario, also the destroyer of Manchester United's European dream this winter, has fallen out with his manager *Johan Cruyff* at Barcelona. And Cruyff has wasted not a *second on agreeing to his sale:* the only doubt concerns *whether Flamengo, the puta*tive purchaser, really has the money *to meet a valuation* that, crazy as it seems, is close *to half the fee being paid for* Cole.

That, again, reflects the foreigners' rule and the necessity to buy, in this case, English. If Cole were, say, Scottish, he would probably be worth at best half as much.

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But what Keegan and Cruyff share is a decisiveness, a sensitivity that tells them almost instantly when they have had the best out of their player, or at least the best out of their relationship with the player.

The fact that Cole scored 41 times last season, more than *even the most famous* Newcastle No 9s, is now past *tense. He may be the ultimate* magpie, a player whose stealth *in the goalmouth makes him* an uncanny accumulator of goals; *but that does not make* him a personality of strength *or articulacy off the field.*

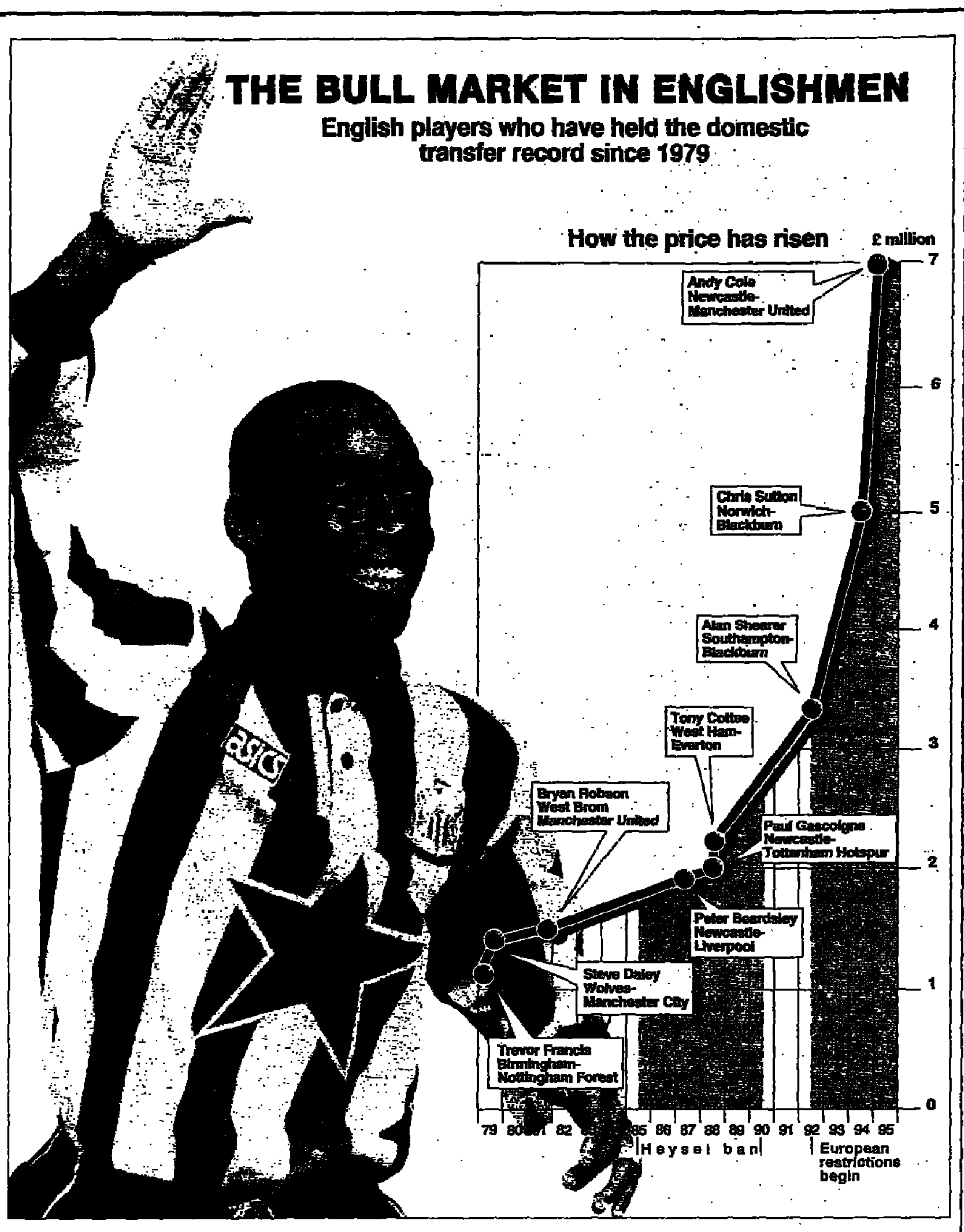
It does not guarantee the 23-year-old good health through the eight-year span that is all God grants in a normal sporting prime. And if Cole copes as well in the many colours of Manchester United as he did in the black and white stripes on Tyneside, his allure as a cult figure will have proven transferable. It is a gamble, and everyone involved knows it.

Less than a month ago, Sir John Hall, one of the new breed of multi-millionaires *who have brought business* ethics to their sport, predicted *that the £10 million transfer* was closer than widely *thought. There may be a* ramification of this — bubbles *may burst and bankruptcies* may come on a far bigger scale *than that of Gillingham.*

Keegan had purchased Cole for £1.75 million after Arsenal had rejected him. He had worked with the player, had transferred some of his instincts and knowledge into him, had worked to eradicate some of the weaknesses which made Cole susceptible to being an idol and to the dubious elements that can quickly surround a footballer and his money.

Curiously, this is one deal that has not been stimulated by the avarice of an agent. It is *merely the exchange between* managers, one coveting the *possession of another.*

There is another peripheral *but significant aspect to it all.* The price for Cole, the £6 million that Nottingham Forest seek for Collymore, makes these two pearls of the English game the most valued players on the price list. Interestingly, not two decades ago, managers shunned black players because of their colour; now thank heavens, the game is colour-blind.



European imperative puts up price

Russell Kempson on the search for English players to bring success on the Continent

IF YOU buy big, buy English: an increasingly used catchphrase among FA Carling Premiership clubs with designs on making an impact in Europe. Lesser lights, of no more that mid-table ambition, can make do with assorted Scandinavian imports but the elite now have little option. Enlist English players or bid farewell to continental success.

Manchester United's purchase of Andy Cole from Newcastle United yesterday, *in a £7 million package deal* also involving Keith Gilles*pie, the Northern Ireland* winger, may have been unex*pected in its timing but it is* not surprising. Alex Ferguson, *the* Manchester United manager, has been repeatedly frustrated in his European team selections since Uefa, the sport's European governing body, brought in its complex eligibility rulings on players three seasons ago.

Old Trafford may have boasted the best team in the land — the FA Premier League title in 1993, the Premiership and FA cup double last season — but the club's eclectic mix of English, Scottish, Welsh, Irish, Russian, Danish and French players has caused Ferguson no end of headaches. Juggling his team, *to comply* with the Uefa mandate, has only hindered *his pursuit of the ultimate* goal — the European Cup.

Since the strict guidelines were introduced in 1992, United have spent three fruitless years chasing European glory. Their Uefa Cup campaign of 1992-93 fizzled out in the first round against Torpedo Moscow and they failed to qualify for the Champions' League last season after losing to Galatasaray, of Turkey, on away goals, in the second round.

This season, with Ferguson forced to use many of his promising yet inexperienced youngsters. United's domestic prowess could not be translated on to the European stage and they finished third in their qualifying group, missing out on the lucrative quarter-finals.

The trend towards buying English-bred players, at the *highest end of the transfer* market, is thus becoming fashionable, especially, though not exclusively, among clubs with an eye on Europe. Blackburn Rovers have been particularly active, with Jack Walker, the club benefactor, having enabled Kenny Dalglish, the manager, to bring in the all-English quintet of Chris Sutton, Alan Shearer, David Batty, Paul Warhurst and Tim Flowers for a combined total of £16.1 million. Ironically, Rovers' venture abroad this season — their first European campaign — ended in an ignominious Uefa Cup first-round *defeat against the part-timers* from Sweden, Trelleborgs FF. However, Walker has still provided the catalyst for an intensifying bull market in English-born talent, culminating in Cole's *move* from Tyneside. Cynics also might *say that with their season in* decline, the continued posses*sion of Cole was of less* importance to Newcastle than it is to the trophy-chasing Ferguson.

Had Cole, born in Nottingham, been Scottish, it is reasonable to hypothesise that he would have gone for no more than half the figure he went for yesterday.

Cannons shoot clear in race for play-offs

By Colin McQuillan

THE grip of Cannons Club on the Super Squash League *tightened with* a 3-0 win over Rackets at Corringham in *Essex to give them a four-point* advantage over ICL Lion Herts and eight *points* over Welsh Back Wizards, the champions last year, at the turning point of the season.

Lion Herts triumphed in Wales this week but Ogmore Valley Dragons won at second string, where they fielded Philip Whitlock, demoted from first string after his drop from 13 to 22 in the world rankings, against Ross Norman, of New Zealand.

Mark Cairns, who moved up to first string, could not contain Chris Walker, the England No 2, but only an unaccountable departure from his naturally aggressive *tactics by Craig Van der Wath,* the South Africa champion, in *the late stages of his third* string rubber against Mark *Chaloner deprived the Welsh* side of a victory.

Thus Ellis Stockbrokers Lingfield remain fourth despite going *down 2-1 at home* to the Wizards, while in Manchester the Walker Farrimond squad, led for the first time by Anthony Hill, of Australia, won the derby match against Jim Hall Sports Northern to stay in contention for a place in the play-offs between the leading four clubs which will settle the title in April.

A worrying factor for Cannons may be the stated intention of the Wizards to activate *their contract* with Jansher Khan, the world champion, *for specific matches running* into the play-offs. Lingfield, *similarly, are likely to bring* Rodney Eyles, the leading Australian, into play. Cannons have secured their leadership through domestic superiority with the British champion. Peter Marshall, alternating at first string with Peter Nicol, of Scotland. They can still call up Brett Martin, of Australia, in the second half, which would put Nicol, the world No 5, at third string *in a full-strength line-up.*

RESULTS: Rackets 0 Cannons 3 (Rackets players first): P Johnson lost to P Nicol 6-9, 0-9, 0-9; D Webb lost to S Parke, 9-1, 7-9, 4-9, 6-9; N Cass lost to T Hands 9-10, 4-9, 9-7, 1-9. Ogmore Valley Dragons 1, ICL Lion Herts 2 (Dragons players first): *M Cairns* lost to C Walker 9-1, 2-9, 8-10, 2-9; P Whitlock bt R Norman 2-9, 1-9, 9-6, 9-2, 10-8; *C Van der Wath lost to M Chaloner* 9-7, 7-9, 0-9, 0-9. Ellis Stockbrokers Lingfield 1 Welsh Back Wizards 2 (Lingfield players first): S Meads lost to D Harris 9-7, 6-9, 3-9, 8-10; A Kirkland lost to J Nicolle 4-9, 6-9, 7-9; T Garner bt A Davies 9-6, 9-0, 8-10, 6-9, 9-0. J Hall Sports Northern 1 Walker Farrimond Manchester 2 (Northern players first): A Hill bt D Ryan 9-6, 9-1, 9-5; A Gough lost to M Heath 9-7, 0-9, 2-9, 2-9; P Lord lost to N Taylor 1-9, 9-4, 3-9, 9-3, 7-9.

	P	W	L	Pts
Cannons	7	7	0	20
Herts	7	6	1	16
Wizards	7	4	3	12
Lingfield	7	3	4	10
Ogmore V	7	4	3	9
Manchester	7	2	5	8
Rackets	7	1	6	5
Northern	7	1	6	4

Shilton seeks damages

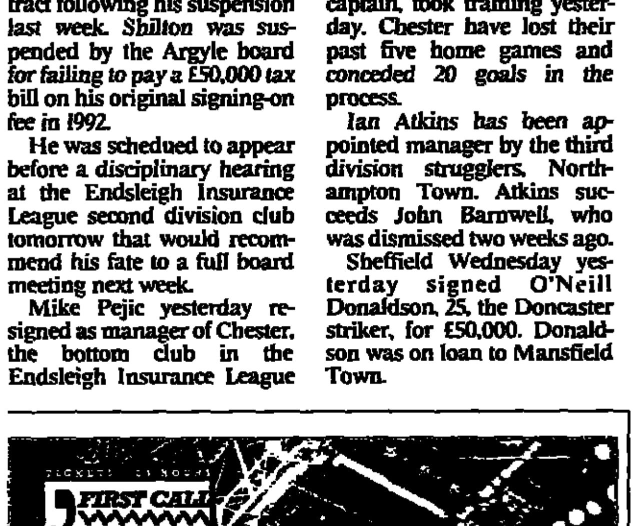
PETER SHILTON yesterday issued a writ against Plymouth Argyle seeking financial damages for breach of contract following his suspension last week. *Shilton was suspended by the Argyle board for failing to pay a £50,000 tax* bill on his original signing-on *fee in 1992.*

He was scheduled to appear before a *disciplinary hearing* at the Endsleigh Insurance League second division club tomorrow that would recommend his fate to a full board meeting next week.

Mike Pejic yesterday resigned as manager of Chester, the bottom club in the Endsleigh Insurance League second division, after seven months in charge. Pejic's assistant, Kevin Ratcliffe, the former Everton and Wales captain, took training yesterday. Chester have lost their past five home games and *conceded 20 goals in the* process.

*Ian Atkins has been ap*pointed manager by the third division strugglers, Northampton Town. Atkins succeeds John Barnwell, who was dismissed two weeks ago.

Sheffield Wednesday yesterday signed O'Neill Donaldson, 25, the Doncaster striker, for £50,000. Donaldson was on loan to Mansfield Town.



Starlight Express for 20p

Andrew Lloyd Webber's roller-skating spectacular, *Starlight Express*, is just one of more than 150 shows in *The Times* 20p theatre ticket offer. When you buy one ticket at the normal price of £27 and receive *another for just 20p. The offer is valid for performances* on Mondays to Thursdays until February 28, excluding the period between February 13 and February 24.

Regional theatres in our offer include the Wolsey Theatre in Ipswich where shows in the spring season include *What I Did In The Holidays*, a new play by the award-winning writer Philip Osment. Set in Devon in 1963, it is about the discoveries of an 11-year-old boy *when he meets a group of hitch-hikers. For full details* of the Wolsey's season, ring 01473-253725.

A list of 27 shows available in London was printed in yesterday's paper. Regional theatres will be printed on Saturday.

To book your 20p offer tickets, collect the six tokens which are appearing each day from yesterday until Monday January 16. When you have the tokens, select your show and telephone the number given. The application form will *appear again on Monday.*

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A list of more than 130 productions available in regional theatres will be printed on Saturday

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Boston 114 Washington 101; Phoenix 119 Milwaukee 102; Utah 106 Dallas 90, Portland 129 LA Lakers 83

BOWLS

ATHERLEY TROPHY (women's county championship): Second round: Yorks 121 Cumbria 99. Lincs 138 Humberside 90. Cambs 114 Norfolk 115; Northants 113 *Warwicks 119; Somerset 156 Devon 87;* Herts 116, Surrey 118, Oxfordshire 120 Bucks 119, Berks 130 Dorset 101

LEONARD DENNY MEMORIAL TROPHY: Second round: Tonbridge Wells bt Lewsham 39-29. Dartford Stone Lodge bt *Sevenoaks 46-42; Folkestone bt Deangate* Ridge 39-38. Mote Park bt Oyster 40-28; Tye Green bt Havering 50-25; Cheshunt bt Barking 43-33, Towerlands bt Tilbury 41-34 Falcon bt Jacks Centre 41-27, Dorchester bt Stour Vale 40-33. East Dorset bt Atherley 33-30; West Berks bt Loddon Vale 44-28. Longmeadow bt Rushmoor 54-32; Pickets Lock bt Glebelands 49-30; Mansfield bt Bounds Green 35-33; Cambridge Park bt Century 45-34; Camberley bt Harga 41-24. Mote Valley bt Wey Valley 49-39, Egham bt Sutton 36-27, Cyphers bt Crystal Palace 49-25; Old Coulsdon bt Temple 44-34; Handy Cross bt Rivermead 49-25; Desborough (Maidenhead) bt Whiteknights 39-36. Watford bt Bishops Stortford 67-33; Herts Watford bt Stevenage 37-32. Adur bt Worthing 49-45, Victory bt Banister Park 49-25, Graftons bt Eastbourne 45-35; Preston bt King Alfred 47-26, Bedford Borough bt Desborough (Northants) 53-27. Wellingborough bt Kingsthorpe 40-24, Banbury *Cross bt Brackley 39-36. Carterton bt City* and County of Oxford 35-23.

CRICKET

RED STRIPE CUP (final day of four) Pointe-a-Pierre, Trinidad: Trinidad and Tobago 405 and 326 (A Balliram 54, J Joseph 5-59), Leeward Islands 283 and 263 (R Richardson 86, H Anthony 66). Trinidad and Tobago won by 80 runs. Kingston, *Jamaica:* Jamaica 282 and 225; Barbados 298 and 210-6 (P Wallace 71). Barbados won by four wickets.

TRINIDAD: Tour match (second day of three) Trinidad and Tobago 189 (Solanki 5-48) and 30-2, England Under-19 391 (A McGrath 169, D Sales 63)

FOOTBALL

Monday's late results

FA CUP: Third round: Sheffield United 0 Manchester United 2

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Second round: Queen's Park 2 Greenock Morton 2.

PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: Barnsley 4 Burnley 0; Leicester 1 Middlesbrough 2; Birmingham 1 Huddersfield 0

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Chelsea 2 Millwall 0

FA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Stoke 0 Norwich 0; Southend 4 Tranmere 3.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: Keynsham v Bishop Sutton.

AFRICAN NATIONS CUP: Group one: Cameroon 0 Malawi, 0 Zaire 3 Lesotho 0. *Group two:* Senegal 0 Tunisia 0, Togo 0 Mauritania 0. Group three: Congo 3 Niger 1; Sierra Leone 2 Gambia 0. Group four: Sudan 3 Uganda 1, Algeria 1 Egypt 0. Ethiopia 1 Tanzania 0 Group five: Mauritius 0 Zambia 3; Mauritius 0 Zambia 3. Group six: Angola 1 Mozambique 0; Botswana 1 Mali 3; Guinea 3 Namibia 0.

SCHOOLS MATCH: English Schools FA Premier Under-16 Trophy: Cheshire 0 Lancashire 1

GLIDING

OMARAMA, *New Zealand: World championships:* First day: Open 345km Poly (14 finishers of 15): 1, R Schroeder (ASW22B, Ger) 107.9kph, 1,000pts; 2, *U Schwenk* (ASW22L, Ger) 107.84, 999; 3, R Lynskey (Nimbus4, NZ) 91.38, 714; 4, M Giles *(ASW22, Aus) 93.4, 699*. 15m 317km Poly* (25 finishers of 32): 1, M Grund (Ventus2, Ger) 95.59kph, 1,000pts; 2, S Ghiorzio (Ventus2, It) 94.73, 986; 3, M Theisinger (LS6CW, Ger) 95.47, 948; 4, T Delore (LS6A) NZ, 90.92, 924; 5, J Wills (LS6, GB) 90.21, 897. *Other British:* 18, A Kay (LS6CW) 79.73, 741; 23, C Garton (LS6C) 78.3, 667. Standard 301km Poly (26 finishers of 44): 1, *M Wells* (LS8 GB) 84.81kph, 1,000pts, 2, G Gerbaud (Discus, Fr) 83.52, 982; 3, M Kuittinen (Discus, Fin) *81.52, 954; equal 4, M Oakley* (Discus, NZ) 79.06, and A Davis (Discus, GB) 79.08, 920. Other British: 23, B Spreckley (LS8) 68.28, 769. Second day: Post-provisional. Open 393km Poly (No completions of 15): 1, Lynskey 373.1km, 1,000pts; equal 2, J-D Berrios (Nimbus3D, Fr) 354.4, and B Gantenbrink (Nimbus4, Ger) 354.3, 950; equal 4, Schroeder, and Schwenk 354.2, 949; 6, S Griffith (ASH25, US) 349.8, 938. 15m 370.6km Poly (1 completion of 31): 1, Delore (LS8A) NZ, 67.95kph, 1,000pts, equal 2, E Napoleon (Ventus2, Fr) 344.2km, and G Lherm (DG800S, Fr) 344.1km, 909pts, 4, M Theisinger (LS6CW, Ger) 344, 906; 5, G Navas (Ventus2, Fr) 340.9, 900; 6, Ghiorzio 331.9, 876. British: equal 12, Garton 319.2km, 843pts; equal 15, Wills 313.4, 827; 28, Kay 188.8km, 498. Standard 330km Poly (1 completion of 44): 1, T *Van Dyk (LS8, NZ) 62.09kph, 1,000pts; 2 H* Karow (Discus, Ger) 303.3km, 905, 3, E Inaebnit (Discus, Switz) 302.6km, 903; 4, S *Leutenegger* (DG303, *Switz*) 301.4, 899; 5, J Aboulin (Discus, Fr) 300.1, 871*, 6, G Gerbaud (Discus, Fr) 299.9, 870*. British: equal 12, Spreckley 272.7km, and Wells 272.6km, 814; equal 28, S Jones (Discus BT), and Davis 252.8, 754. Overall: Open: 1 Schroeder 1,949pts; 2 Schwenk 1,948; 3 Lynskey 1,714, 4, Giles 1,636 15m: 1, *Delore* 1,924, 2, *Theisinger* 1,906; 3, Ghiorzio 1,862; 4, M Grund 1,773; British: 6, J Wills 1,714; 20, C Garton 1,510; 25, A Kay 1,239. Standard: 1, *Van Dyk* 1,903; 2, Gerbaud 1,852; 3, Inaebnit 1,821; 4, Wells 1,814. Other British: 17, Davis 1,674; 19, Jones 1,650, 21, Spreckley, 1583

* denotes infringement penalty.

HOCKEY

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CLUB TROPHY: First-round draw: Alderley Edge v Corby British Airways Club v Old Holcombeians; Basingstoke v John Player; Blackheath v Leominster; Bradfield College v Romford; Broxbourne v Barclays Bank; Camberley v Jersey; Coalville v Cirencester; Durham University v GPT Coventry; Ipswich and East Suffolk v Old Cranleighans; *Kettering v* York CS Trojans; Kings Heath and Pickwick v Plymouth GSOB; Leek v Ramgarhia *(Leeds); Letchworth v Bowdon.* Lincoln Imps v Tunbridge Wells; Lloyds Bank v Royal Logistics Corps; Marden Russets v Robinsons; Market Deeping v Bradford; Marlborough v Crawley; Milton v Rotherham, Oxted v Blossomfield, Oxton v Broadland; Penzance v RAF Support Command, Shelford v Swalwell; Shrewsbury v St Neots; Southampton Tauntonians v Long Sutton; Springfields v Southend; Torbay v Derby; and West Derby v Spondon; *Whitehaven v Norwich Union;* Wokingham v Amersham; Yeovil and Sherborne v Bexley Invicta.

☐ *Matches to be played January 22.*

MOTOR SPORT

DAKAR RALLY: Leading positions (after eighth leg over 315 miles from Zouerate, Mauritania): Cars: 1, P Lartigue (Fr) Citroën, 33hr 35min 03sec; 2, B Saby (Fr) Mitsubishi, at 20min 23sec; 3, K Shinozuka (Japan) Mitsubishi, at 2:38.04. *Motorcycles:* 1, J Arcarons (Sp) Cagiva, 39hr 15min 17sec; 2, S Peterhansel (Fr) Yamaha, at 7min 15sec; 3, T Magnaldi (Fr) Yamaha, at 11:18

MEWLA NATIONAL RALLY (South Wales) 1, P Doughty (Sierra Cosworth) 73min *00sec; 2, R Moore (Subaru Impreza) 73.18,* 3, C Griffiths (Opel Manta) 76:20.

CLASSIC RALLY OF THE VALES (South Wales): *1, S Collins (Volvo Amazon) 460pts;* 2, J Pascoe (Volvo 122 S) 544; 3, T Barron (Sunbeam Alpine) 553.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB (all GB): Under-24 championship: Semi-final: A Smith-Bingham bt J Larken 15-3, 15-8, 15-11. M Windows bt T Sawrey-Cookson 15-10, 9-15, 15-6, 15-8. Final: Windows bt Smith-Bingham 17-14, 15-8, 16-15. Doubles: Semi-finals: M Windows and A Smith-Bingham bt L and C Danby 16-13, 15-3, 15-6; J Larken and T Sawrey-Cookson bt T Barker and R Montgomerie 15-8, 3-15, 15-8, 15-9. Final: Larken and Sawrey-Cookson bt Windows and Smith-Bingham 16-13, 15-12, 1-15 15-12, 15-5 Under-21 championship: Semi-final: H Foster bt J Walsh 9-15, 6-15, 15-5, 15-8, 15-4, C Walsh bt R Spender 15-10, 10-15, 15-7, 15-1. Final: Foster bt Walsh 15-6, 15-9, 11-15, 15-8.

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: BNB Resources British professional doubles championship: Quarter-finals (GB unless stated): C Bray and M Gooding bt A Lyons and P Brake 6-2, 6-1; P Tabley (Aus) and R Gunn bt N Wood *and A Phillips* 5-6, 6-4, 6-2; K Sheldon and M Devine bt M Eadie and A Davis 6-1, 6-0; L Deuchar (Aus) and J Howell bt S Ronald*son and A Snelgrove 6-0, 6-1. Semi-finals:* Bray and Gooding bt Tabley and Gunn 6-5, 6-4, 6-3; Deuchar and Howell bt Sheldon and Devine 6-3, 6-3, 6-4. *Final: Deuchar* and Howell bt Bray and Gooding 6-5, 6-4, 4-6, 2-6, 6-4

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Daily Mail Under-15 Cup: First round: Park School 0 Daunsey's 19; Hinchinbrooke 0 Bedford Modern 10; Crypt GS 19 Hereford Bluecoat 20.

SKIING

FLACHAU, Austria: Women: World Cup: Super-giant slalom (33 gates): 1, R Goetschl (Austria) 1min 21.67sec; 2, K Seizinger (Ger) 1:21.88; 3, S Pretnar (Slovenia) 1:21.89; 4, A Meissnitzer (Austria) 1:21.91; 5, A Dovzan (Slovenia) 1:21.94; 6, H Gerg (Ger) 1:21.97. World Cup standings: Overall: 1, H Zeller-Baehler (Switz) 635pts; 2, Seizinger 598; 3, V Schneider (Switz) 548; 4, M Ertl (Ger) 374; 5, Pernilla Wiberg (Swe) 373; 6, H Lindh (US) 334. Super-giant slalom: 1, Seizinger 286; 2, Zeller-Baehler 210; 3, S Eder (Austria) 176; 4, A Wachter (Austria) 128; 5, R Goetschl (Austria) 125; 6, Ertl 121.

SQUASH

*SUPER LEAGUE: Rackets Club 0 Can*nons Club 3 (P Johnson lost to P Nicol 6-9, 0-9, 0-9; D Webb lost to S Parke 9-1, 7-9, 4-9, 6-9, *N Cass lost to T Hands 9-10, 4-9,* 9-7, 1-9). Lingfield 1 Welsh Back Wizards 2 (S Meads lost to D Harris 9-7, 6-9, 3-9, 8-10; A Kirkland lost to J Nicolle 4-9, 6-9, 7-9; T Garner bt A Davies 9-7, 9-0, 8-10, 6-9, 9-0).

TABLE TENNIS

HULL: Women's international match: Russia bt England 9-1. Singles: E Timina bt A Gordon 21-10, 21-11; G Melnik bt S Marling 21-12, 21-16; I Palina bt K Goodall 20-22, 21-9, 21-12; T Shahova lost to M Deaton 19-21, 16-21; Palina bt Gordon 22-20, 21-13; Shahova bt Marling 21-16, 23-21; *Timina bt Goodall* 19-21, 21-10, 21-8; Melnik bt Deaton 21-11, 19-21, 21-18. Doubles: Timina and Palina bt Goodall and *Gordon 21-12, 21-13; Melnik and Shahova* bt Marling and Deaton 21-17, 21-16.

TENNIS

SYDNEY: (Australia unless stated): Men: *First round: M Woodforde bt D Vacek* (Cz) 6-2, 6-2; T Woodbridge bt J Renzenbrink (Ger) 6-3, 6-2; K Novacek (Cz) bt L Gloria (US) 6-7, 6-4, 7-6; R Furlan (It) bt P Korda (Cz) 2-6, 6-3, 6-2; P McEnroe (US) bt K Braasch (Ger) 6-7, 7-6, 6-2; R Fromberg bt *M Rosset* (Switz) 6-4, 6-4, R *Krajicek* (Holl) bt H Skoff (Austria) 6-3, 6-1; O Delaitre (Fr) *bt K Kucera* (Slovakia) 7-6, 6-3; A *Medvedev* (Ukr) bt R Reneberg (US) 6-4, 6-3; A Boetsch (Fr) bt J Eltingh (Holl) 6-2, 5-7, 7-6. Women: First round: S Stafford (US) bt C Wood (GB) 7-5, 6-4; M Hingis (Switz) bt M McGrath (US) 3-6, 6-2, 6-4; A Gavaldon (Mex) bt A Coetzer (SA) 5-7, 6-2, 7-5; N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt D Graham (US) 7-6, 6-4; L Richterova (Cz) bt P Begerow (Ger) 4-2, ret. J Halard (Fr) withdrew. Second round: K Date (Japan) bt M Endo (Japan) 6-4, 6-1.

AUCKLAND: Men's tournament: First round: J Bates (GB) bt B Dunn (US) 7-5, 0-1 ret; C Adams (US) bt S Clark (NZ) 6-2, 6-2; *C-U Steeb (Ger) bt J Bjorkman (Swe) 0-6,* 6-1, 7-5; A Volkov (Russ) bt J Greenhalgh (NZ) 6-4, 6-4; J Sánchez (Sp) bt B Black (Zim) 7-6, 6-2; B Steven (NZ) bt B Ellwood (Aus) 7-6, 7-6; A O'Brien (US) bt J Sekulov (Aus) 7-6, 6-4; V Spadea (US) bt H Holm (Swe) 7-6, 6-3; C Pioline (Fr) bt B Shelton (US) 6-0, 6-4; S Downs (NZ) bt F Santoro *(Fr)* 6-2, 4-6, 6-1.

HOBART: Women's tournament: First round: N Arendt (US) bt M Vento (Ven) 6-3, 7-6; *Li Fang* (China) bt A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr) 6-2, 6-3; J Watanabe (US) bt P Schwarz-Ritter (Austria) 6-1, 6-0; K Nagatsuka (Japan) bt I Spirlea (Rom) 6-3, 6-1; P Hy-Boulais (Can) bt A Miller (US) 6-4, 6-2; M Babel (Ger) bt L Neiland (Lat) 7-6, 6-1, T Whitlinger-Jones (US) bt S Farina (It) 7-6, 6-2; Y Kamio (Japan) bt R McQuillan *(Aus) 6-3, 6-3; C Rubin (US) bt A Keller (US)* 7-6 (7-1).

VAUXHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Women: Fifth round: *Ilkley 0 Northumberland 3;* Tennis World Middlesbrough 2 Topspin Darlington 1; Lakenham Norwich 0 Edgbaston Priory 3; Lincoln Indoor 2 Boston 1; Parklangley Bromley 1 Clearview Brentwood 2; Sutton Junior w/o Maidstone scr; Queens Club w/o Ealing scr.

ATP RANKINGS: 1, Pete Sampras (US) *5,097pts;* 2, A Agassi (US) 3,249; 3, B Becker (Ger) 3,237; 4, S Bruguera (Sp) 3,007; 5, G Ivanisevic (Cro) 2,827; 6, M Chang (US) 2,647; 7, S Edberg (Swe) 2,504; 8, A Berasategui (Sp) 2,470; 9, M Stich (Ger) 2,423; 10, T Martin (US) 2,307; 11, J Courier (US) 2,072; 12, Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 2,041; 13, W Ferreira (SA) 1,990; 14, M Rosset (Switz) 1,770; 15, A Medvedev (Ukr) 1,655. British: 73, J Bates 583; 118, M Petchey 409; 167, T Henman 265; 190, C *Wilkinson 215;* 243, G Henderson 154; 262, R Matheson 141; 273, N Gould 130; 281, A Foster 127; 287, D Sapsford 122; 291, Miles *MacLagan 118.*

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Igls	15	55	good	powder	fair	snow	-1	10/1
(Conditions improving with fresh snow)								
Kitzbühel	30	70	good	powder	good	snow	-2	10/1
(Excellent conditions after heavy snowfalls)								
Mayrhofen	15	55	good	powder	fair	snow	1	10/1
(Fresh powder on hard base giving good skiing)								
Schladming	25	65	good	powder	fair	snow	-1	10/1
(Conditions improving on all pistes)								
FRANCE								
Courchevel	50	185	good	powder	fair	snow	-4	10/1
(Very few skiers about because of falling snow and poor visibility)								
Flaine	90	220	good	powder	good	snow	2	10/1
(Superb skiing in fresh powder, limited visibility)								
Isola	20	35	fair	varied	fair	fine	-3	23/12
(Good skiing available but limited number of lifts open)								
La Plagne	65	160	good	powder	good	snow	-4	10/1
(Fresh snow at all altitudes, best visibility low down)								
Megève	30	115	powder	powder	good	snow	-3	10/1
(Excellent powder skiing, more snow to come)								
ITALY								
Cervinia	20	200	good	varied	good	snow	-3	10/1
(Heavy snowfall and high winds, excellent outlook)								
SWITZERLAND								
Grindelwald	10	70	good	powder	good	snow	1	10/1
(Excellent skiing in the trees thanks to good visibility)								
Klosters	50	100	good	powder	good	snow	-1	10/1
(Snow and high winds limiting skiing)								
St Moritz	30	70	good	varied	fair	snow	-5	10/1
(Light snowfall and poor visibility, very few skiers out)								
Villars	30	85	good	powder	good	snow	0	10/1
(Great skiing but poor visibility, all lifts open)								
Wengen	40	70	good	powder	good	snow	0	10/1
(Empty pistes, great powder skiing, outlook excellent)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

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Cannons shoot clear in race for play-offs

Support for European Breeders' Day

By Julian Muscat

THE concept of a high-profile European Breeders' Day received significant support yesterday from both Lord Hartington, chairman of the British Horseracing Board (BHB), and Rhydian Morgan-Jones, chairman of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA), whose members will almost certainly be asked to help to finance such a project.

The aim is to stage five group one races and two valuable handicaps that would offer a new showcase for the sport. The day is not expected to clash with the annual running of the Breeders' Cup, itself the inspiration behind the project.

Outlines of the event, which has been tentatively scheduled to commence next year, were presented to representatives of the European Pattern Committee in Dublin yesterday.

In welcoming the new proposals, Hartington said he was keen to see the event complement the existing Pattern system in Europe, rather than detract from it. "If it can be made to work for the benefit of all of us in Europe — including Britain — then we would be all for it," he said. "The Breeders' Cup has worked, but it was created before the Americans set much store on their Pattern system. The European Pattern is very important to our racing."

Plans to establish a similar event three years ago foundered on the Pattern issue. But the new pilot scheme, outlined in Dublin yesterday by France's director of international racing, Louis Romanet, allows for flexibility in creating the necessary races. Much depends on the timing of the event; a day towards the end of the season could see the framing of new races specifically for it.

"In recent years, there have been various ideas put forward," Hartington said. "The Pattern made it difficult then, so we need to weigh up the pluses and minuses of the new one. There were too many minuses last time, but I understand Michel Henochsberg [president of the TBA equivalent in France] is keen on it and he is a very imaginative man. I look forward to hearing about it."

Paul Greeves, the BHB's director of racing who represented British interests at yesterday's European Pattern Committee meeting, will tell Hartington that Germany has been chosen to stage the first running.

The event is scheduled to revolve annually among the Pattern committee's five member countries. Britain and France would stage the meeting twice for every one day hosted by Ireland, Germany and Italy.

In voicing his support, Morgan-Jones stressed the need for the concept to be properly brokered to all interested countries. One possible source of revenue is the introduction of a small levy on all foals born in Europe. This is the registration scheme employed in the United States by Breeders' Cup Ltd.

Failure to nominate to the scheme results in significantly increased entry fees to races on Breeders' Cup Day. These extra costs will shortly apply to all European entrants, which were previously exempted under a special arrangement.

The Breeders' Cup board is expected to sanction these 350 per cent increases later this month, but there remains an outside chance that entry fees could be set even higher. Such a move would increase pressure on Europeans to press ahead with their own European Breeders' Day.

Speaking at the annual TBA Luncheon Awards in London yesterday, Morgan-Jones said British breeders have always wanted a high-profile day to promote their stock. "We are prepared to consider a levy on foals if such a day can be properly organised," he said.

"The bigger the pots, the easier it will be to promote. In a strange sort of way, our season goes a bit flat after Royal Ascot. And we would welcome the chance to focus the sporting attention on racing," he added.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: NAWRIK
(3.10 Kelso)
Next best: Redeemyourself
(3.20 Plumpton)

Lord Hartington is keen to see the event complement the Pattern system

Cough rules out Amigos for The Ladbroke

By Dick Hinder

AMIGOS, Britain's best-backed contender for The Ladbroke, yesterday was ruled out of Saturday's big Irish race at Leopardstown because of coughing.

As low as 8-1 with William Hill, the seven-year-old was withdrawn from Europe's richest handicap hurdle when vets scoped the horse after Jimmy Fitzgerald worked him at Malton.

The late withdrawal is a double blow to his part owner, Peter O'Sullevan, who was set to commentate on the race live for BBC Grandstand on Saturday. He will now switch to Ascot.

O'Sullevan said: "It is bitterly disappointing but Amigos coughed a couple of times and the subsequent scope was unfavourable.

"The same thing happened on the eve of his run at Kempton on Boxing Day and now he has done it again just days before The Ladbroke, when he appeared to have a good chance.

"We weren't rushing him back. He came back on his own account. A blood test last Thursday was fine and, as a result, we backed him.

"He was entered at Ascot as well on Saturday as a precaution, but we will now have to postpone all plans while he recovers. My trip will be cancelled too and I will switch back to Ascot for the BBC."

Britain will now be represented by the Jacqui Doyle hope, Fatack, and Kadastrof, trained by Robin Dickin. The pair remain 10-1 and 16-1 chances respectively with the sponsors.

Among those who were backed yesterday were Cockney Lad, 7-2 favourite from 4-1, Tropical Lake, 8-1 from 10-1, and Family Way, 8-1 from 14-1.

Amigos's withdrawal reduces Mark Dwyer's options for Saturday. The jockey now only has to choose between riding at Cheltenham, where Flakey Dove is due to compete, and Ascot, where Fitzgerald's Uncle Ernie and Sybillin are intended runners in the Victor Chandler Handicap Chase.

☐ The Levy Board has agreed to fund an additional eight fixtures during February and March to replace those lost since last April. They are: Market Rasen, February 6; Carlisle, 21; Newcastle, 27; Edinburgh, March 6; Bangor, 7; Huntingdon, 13; Uttoxeter, 20; Stratford 21.

KELSO

THUNDERER
12.40 Brave Buccaneer
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1.40 Fret
2.10 Beldine
2.40 Oakley
3.10 Hudson Bay Trader
3.40 Dancing Dove

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Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT, SOFT IN PLACES (7.30AM INSPECTION) SIS

12.40 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE
(Qualifier: Div I: £3,518: 3m 1f) (12 runners)

1 P11/P CREESHLA 18 (F,G) (R Beeley) J Beeley 8-11-0 Mr T Scott —
2 U5P251/ BENGHAZI 623 (S) (A Thomson) A Thomson 11-10-10 A Dobbin —
3 0110-3F BRAVE BUCCANEER 47 (BF,G,S) (S O'Shea) Mrs M Reveley 8-10-10 P Niven 82
4 P4U-6PP BUCKWHEAT LAD 16 (B) (J Stephenson) P Cheesbrough 7-10-10 M Dwyer 92
5 P/33- DALUSMAN 418 (J Mason) T Carr 7-10-10 J Supple (5) —
6 0-4 KIBBY BANK 49 (J Henderson (Co Durham)) J Johnson 8-10-10 N Doughty 85
7 555-323 KILCOLGAN 44 (J Goodfellow) Mrs J Goodfellow 8-10-10 B Storey [illegible]
8 -P4U0 MILEY PIKE 33 (N Tutty) Mrs K Tutty 8-10-10 Mr N Tutty —
9 3- RIVER BEE 281P (J Walby) W Reed 6-10-10 T Reed —
10 P0/P WOLFSVILLE 16 (Exors of Mr R Lamb) D Lamb 7-10-10 J Burke (3) —
11 500/F2 NUN ON THE RUN 48 (Mrs D Coleman) J Oliver 9-10-5 M Moloney 80
12 P0030/0 SCARLET BERRY 37 (R Brewis) R Brewis 7-10-5 G Harker —

BETTING: 7-4 Brave Buccaneer, 4-1 Kilcolgan, 6-1 Nun On The Run, 8-1 Kibby Bank, 10-1 Dalusman, 12-1 Benghazi, River Bee, 16-1 Buckwheat Lad, 20-1 others.

1994: LOTHIAN PILOT 7-11-3 T Reed (7-4 fav) L Lungo 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

CREESHLA beat Eden Sunset 15l in 13-runner amateurs' maiden hunter chase at Cartmel (3m 2f, good) May 1993, on penultimate start. BENGHAZI beat Aahsaylad 1½l in 13-runner amateurs' novice hurdle here (3m 3l, soft) April 1993, with SCARLET BERRY 95½l 8th. BRAVE BUCCANEER 26¼l 3rd of 10 to Strong Deel in novice chase at Ayr (2m 4f, good to soft) on penultimate start. DALUSMAN 8l 3rd of 8 to Portona in novice hurdle at Sedgefield (3m 3l 110yd, good). KIBBY BANK 19¼l 4th of 15 to Barney Rubble in novice chase at Hexham (3m 1f, heavy) with BUCKWHEAT LAD (2lb better off) pulled up before last and MILEY PIKE (2lb better off) unseated rider 12th. KILCOLGAN 1¼l 2nd of 7 to Highlandman in novice chase at Newcastle (3m, good) on penultimate start. NUN ON THE RUN 14l 2nd of 10 to Pennine Pride in novice chase at Carlisle (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft).
Selection: KILCOLGAN

1.10 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE
(Qualifier: Div II: £3,518: 3m 1f) (12 runners)

1 21321/1 BAYROUGE 53 (G,S) (A Sharratt) Mrs M Reveley 7-10-12 P Niven [illegible]
2 1/PUF ASTON COURT 16 (S) (T Batey) P Monteith 10-10-10 T Jenks (3) —
3 P4U COOL WEATHER 16 (P McDonagh) P Cheesbrough 7-10-10 N Doughty —
4 5 FORDSTOWN 16 (J Alexander) J Barclay 6-10-10 A Thornton —
5 1/VU- GARCALL 373 (G) (D Williams) D Williams 8-10-10 B Storey —
6 34410-3 IF YOU SAY SO 54 (G) (S Smith) J Eyre 9-10-10 M Dwyer 88
7 504-306 LAST REFUGE 16 (Mrs V Chilton) T Carr 6-10-10 Richard Guest —
8 25636-P PADDY MORRISSEY 16 (Mrs H Fraser) J Haldane 8-10-10 T Reed 69
9 31/30 REED 23 (F,G) (Mrs G Lindsay) Mrs D Thomson 10-10-10 S de Burgh (7) —
10 02/120-2 SILLARS STALKER 16 (F,G,S) (Sillars Civil Eng) Mrs J Ramsden 7-10-10 R Garritty 71
11 P6-6U36 SNOOK POINT 44 (I Jordon) D Lamb 8-10-10 Mr A Manners (7) 72
12 1216/64 THISTLE MONARCH 61 (G,S) (J Gordon) G Richards 10-10-10 A Dobbin —

BETTING: 4-7 Bayrouge, 4-1 Sillars Stalker, 10-1 If You Say So, Thistle Monarch, 14-1 Cool Weather, 16-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM FOCUS

BAYROUGE beat Beauchamp Grace 30l in 5-runner novice chase at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, good). FORDSTOWN 34¾l 5th of 6 to Golden Fiddle in novice chase at Ayr (2m 4f, soft). IF YOU SAY SO 9l 3rd of 12 to Alf's Alibi in novice chase at Sedgefield (2m 5f, good). PADDY MORRISSEY about 22¾l 6th of 16 to Precipice Run in novice chase at Carlisle (2m 4l 110yd, heavy) on penultimate start. SILLARS STALKER 15l 2nd of 6 to Crank Shaft in novice chase at Market Rasen (2m 4f, soft). SNOOK POINT 2¾l 3rd of 5 to Son Of Iris in novice chase at Kelso (3m 1f, good to firm) on penultimate start. THISTLE MONARCH 11¼l 4th of 7 to Ivy House in handicap hurdle at Ayr (3m 110yd, good).
Selection: BAYROUGE

1.40 DOLPHIN CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,128: 2m 110yd) (10 runners)

1 61/56-0P GLINDIGO 16 (D,G,S) (A Melville) P Monteith 7-12-0 A Dobbin 78
2 224220- SRIVIJAYA 369 (CD,F,G) (K Holder) Mrs M Reveley 8-12-0 P Niven [illegible]
3 403155 FRET 16 (D,G,S) (N Honeyman) J Wainwright 5-11-12 N Bentley 86
4 06/006-P GARBONI 167 (Mrs S Clarke) D Moffatt 6-11-10 D J Moffatt (3) —
5 P5-P0F0 MISS JEDD 44 (W Young) W Young 8-11-7 F Perratt (5) 68
6 12/066 RAWAAN 29 (CD,F,G,S) (Full Circle Racing Club) N Tinkler 8-11-6 M Dwyer 71
7 6- RACHAEL'S OWEN 509 (Mrs L Dyer) T Dyer 5-11-4 L Wyer —
8 0 NUVEEN 14 (B) (R Graham) Mrs J Jordan 4-10-12 S Taylor (7) —
9 6856 AMNESIA 23 (V) (G Lochtie) Mrs S Bradburne 4-10-11 R Murphy (7) 56
10 60 COPPERHURST 14 (W Kemp) W Kemp 4-10-7 S McDougall 53

BETTING: 7-4 Srivijaya, 5-2 Fret, 5-1 Rawaan, 8-1 Glindigo, 10-1 Amnesia, 12-1 Rachael's Owen, 16-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

GLINDIGO 30l 8th of 9 to Dual Image in handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m, soft) on penultimate start. SRIVIJAYA 3l 2nd of 18 to Miss Marigold in claiming hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good) on penultimate start. FRET best effort this term beat Bell's Bat 20l in 18-runner selling handicap hurdle at Catterick (2m, good). GARBONI 27¾l 6th of 24 to Sir Moss in maiden hurdle at Leopardstown (2m 4l, soft to heavy) on penultimate start. RAWAAN 31¼l 6th of 8 to Amigos in handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good) on penultimate start. RACHAEL'S OWEN 25l 5th to Moonshine Dancer in claiming novice hurdle at Perth (2m 110yd, good to firm). AMNESIA 20¼l 6th of 15 to Roslea Mist in maiden hurdle at Edinburgh (2m 4l, good).
Selection: SRIVIJAYA

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs M Reveley	35	103	34.0	P Niven	40	102	39.2
Mrs S Smith	3	10	30.0	A Thornton	7	24	29.2
Mrs J Goodfellow	10	37	27.0	M Moloney	14	56	25.0
N Tinkler	5	20	25.0	T Jenks	3	13	23.1
R McDonald	3	12	25.0	N Doughty	11	48	22.9
G Richards	22	99	22.2	Mrs A Farrell	3	15	20.0

2.10 WILFRED & PATRICIA CRAWFORD MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,420: 2m 1f) (9 runners)

1 0-01325 POLITICAL TOWER 15 (G,S) (G Nixon) M Barnes 8-11-11 G Cahill (7) 97
2 2-531P1 TERRIBLE GEL 48 (CD,F,S) (Mrs D Buik) Mrs M Reveley 10-11-10 N Smith 93
3 3/111-3 MR WOODCOCK 50 (F,G,S) (P Tyler) Mrs M Reveley 10-11-10 P Niven 87
4 623-234 GREEK FLUTTER 26 (G,S) (J FitzGerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-11-5 M Dwyer 97
5 1-11222 BELDINE 48 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Lt-Col W Monteith) P Monteith 10-10-13 A Dobbin [illegible]
6 1123-56 KAMBALDA RAMBLER 48 (S) (Mrs J Dudgeon) C Parker 11-10-7 B Storey 95
7 345214 GOLDEN ISLE 42 (F,G) (J Hogg) J Charlton 11-10-0 L Wyer 82
8 41-3F36 PRESSURE GAME 25 (F) (A Gilchrist) B Mactaggart 12-10-0 F Perratt (5) 84
9 P0P-6P0 LOMOND SPRINGS 54 (J Alexander) J Barclay 6-10-0 A Thornton —

Long handicap: Golden Isle 9-13, Pressure Game 8-12, Lomond Springs 6-12.

BETTING: 3-1 Terrible Gel, 7-2 Beldine, 5-1 Mr Woodcock, 6-1 Political Tower, 7-1 Golden Isle, Greek Flutter, 10-1 Kambalda Rambler, 33-1 Pressure Game, 100-1 Lomond Springs.

1994: BELDINE 9-10-8 T Reed (8-1) P Monteith 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

POLITICAL TOWER ½l 2nd of 2 to Uncle Ernie in handicap chase at Haydock (2m, soft) on penultimate start. TERRIBLE GEL beat BELDINE (6lb better off) 3l in 6-runner handicap chase at Carlisle (2m, good to soft) with KAMBALDA RAMBLER (3lb better off) 21l 6th. MR WOODCOCK 29l 3rd of 6 to Coulton in handicap chase at Stratford (2m 1f 110yd, good to soft). Previously beat Stevenamon Mist 6l in 5-runner novice chase at Doncaster (2m 3f 110yd, good to soft). GREEK FLUTTER best effort this term 12l 2nd of 3 to Belstone Fox in handicap chase at Wetherby (2m, good to soft). KAMBALDA RAMBLER 25l 5th of 8 to Mutual Trust in handicap chase at Carlisle (2m, good) on penultimate start. GOLDEN ISLE 20l 4th of 8 to Gymcrak Sovereign in novice chase at Catterick (2m, good).
Selection: POLITICAL TOWER

2.40 KINGS ARMS, MELROSE NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,915: 2m 110yd) (19 runners)

1 101 ANOTHER VENTURE 11 (D,S) (R Wheeler) G Moore 5-11-11 N Bentley 90
2 4053-10 OAKLEY 61 (D,F) (Duke of Sutherland) Denys Smith 6-11-11 P Niven 95
3 0-0 ASK ME LATER 111 (T Hardie) Mrs S Bradburne 6-11-5 R Murphy (7) —
4 616/4 BLASTER BINS 25 (F) (The Bose Partnership) J Johnson 7-11-5 N Doughty [illegible]
5 0 CAROUSEL PRINCE 32 (A Saccomando) Miss M Milligan 5-11-5 M Dwyer —
6 CHALKIELAW (R McDonald) R McDonald 5-11-5 R Hodge —
7 0- JACK DREAMING 337 (M Jackson Bloodstock Ltd) Mrs S Smith 6-11-5 Richard Guest —
8 PERSIAN GRANGE (Exors of Mr R Lamb) D Lamb 5-11-5 Mr A Manners (7) —
9 35 POINT DUTY 16 (J Henderson) M Barnes 5-11-5 G Cahill (7) 78
10 RUECASTLE (Mrs J Milligan) Miss M Milligan 7-11-5 J Callaghan —
11 0 SANDS POINT 60 (Mrs J Bendall) C Parker 5-11-5 Mr D Parker (5) —
12 RU- MISS MONT 242P (Mrs K Holliday) D Moffatt 6-11-0 D J Moffatt (3) —
13 0-P MY GONNY 76 (W Harvey) J Dodds 6-11-0 B Storey —
14 6-0 OWENS QUEST 33 (London Racing Club) T Etherington 5-11-0 A Thornton —
15 0 THE HEN HOOSE 33 (T Dyer) T Dyer 5-11-0 L Wyer —
16 0 THE STELL BURN 32 (W Reed) W Reed 5-11-0 A Dobbin —
17 0- YOUANDI 270 (J Nelson) L Lungo 5-11-0 T Reed —
18 MARY'S FEELINGS (Mrs L Dyer) T Dyer 4-10-2 M Moloney —
19 WHIRLWIND ROMANCE (K Jeffery) W Kemp 4-10-2 S McDougall —

BETTING: 6-4 Another Venture, 5-2 Oakley, 4-1 Blaster Bins, 10-1 Point Duty, 12-1 others.

1994: CARNETTO 7-10-13 F Leahy (5-1) R Brewis 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

ANOTHER VENTURE beat Spring Call 6l in 16-runner novice hurdle at Catterick (2m, soft). OAKLEY beat Rebel King 2½l in 6-runner novice hurdle at Hexham (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start. BLASTER BINS beat Mister Hochberg 3l in 6-runner maiden open point-to-point at Eyton-on-Severn (3m, firm) March 1993. POINT DUTY 14l 3rd of 7 to On Air in novice hurdle at Haydock (2m, soft) on penultimate start. SANDS POINT 23l 7th of 13 to Uncle Keeny in National Hunt Flat race at Ayr (2m, good to soft). YOUANDI 29l 14th of 19 to Call Equiname in National Hunt Flat race at Ayr (2m, good). MARY'S FEELINGS half-sister to fairly useful staying handicap chaser Glenbrook D'Or.
Selection: ANOTHER VENTURE

3.10 J RUTHERFORD (EARLSTON) HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,534: 3m 1f) (14 runners)

1 1205/1-1 VILLAGE REINDEER 38 (F,S) (J Chester) P Calver 8-11-10 T Reed 91
2 231U24 CEILIDH BOY 14 (B,C,F,G,S) (Mrs J Goodfellow) Mrs J Goodfellow 9-11-7 B Storey 91
3 42223-4 CHOICE CHALLANGE 42 (F,G,S) (D Sills) M Hammond 12-11-2 Mr C Bonner (5) 97
4 5P4-521 BENNAN MARCH 44 (C,D,G,S) (B O'Kane) P Monteith 8-11-2 A Dobbin 91
5 P5-42U4 GATHERING TIME 28 (B,G,S) (Miss V Haigh) Mrs S Smith 9-11-2 Richard Guest 92
6 43613-5 CAPITAL PUNISHMENT 48 (D,F,G) Miss M Milligan 9-10-13 J Callaghan 92
7 01-32U2 HUDSON BAY TRADER 28 (D,G,S) (P Curtis) P Beaumont 8-10-13 Mrs A Farrell [illegible]
8 30U-40P SCOTTISH GOLD 16 (F,G,S) (Miss L Perratt) Miss L Perratt 11-10-12 A Thornton 88
9 F-12230 FOUR DEEP 25 (CD,F,G,S) (The Bose Partnership) J Johnson 7-10-11 N Doughty 92
10 03P/5-00 BLACK SPUR 25 (F,G,S) (Exors of Mr J Gibson) J Charlton 13-10-10 P Niven —
11 F53-4P2 FUNNY OLD GAME 49 (S) (D McCune) D McCune 8-10-6 K Johnson 97
12 FF-P032 NAWRIK 25 (D,S) (Mrs J Pasthaner) L Lungo 8-10-4 F Perratt (5) 92
13 /414U5 GALA WATER 49 (D,S) (Mrs T Dun) T Dun 9-10-3 L O'Hara 80
14 25-5664 FISH QUAY 11 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs K Lamb) Mrs K Lamb 12-10-0 Miss S Lamb (7) —

Long handicap: Fish Quay 9-7.

BETTING: 4-1 Village Reindeer, 5-1 Bennan March, 6-1 Hudson Bay Trader, Nawrik, 7-1 Ceilidh Boy, 8-1 Choice Challange, 10-1 Four Deep, 12-1 Funny Old Game, 14-1 others.

1994: ISLAND GALE 9-10-1 A Thornton (20-1) D McCune 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

VILLAGE REINDEER beat Cross Cannon 2l in handicap chase at Sedgefield (2m 5f, good to soft). CEILIDH BOY 1¼l 2nd of 5 to Sir Peter Lely in handicap chase at Edinburgh (3m, good to firm) on penultimate start with FOUR DEEP (3lb better off) 2½l 3rd. CHOICE CHALLANGE 34½l 4th of 9 to Celtic Song in handicap chase at Catterick (3m 1f 110yd, good) with FISH QUAY (11lb better off) 27l 6th. HUDSON BAY TRADER tailed off when unseated rider last. BENNAN MARCH beat Absailor 3½l in 8-runner conditional jockeys claiming hurdle here (2m 6f 110yd, good). CAPITAL PUNISHMENT best effort last season beat Barney Rubble 4l in 8-runner novice chase at Perth (3m, good to firm) with BENNAN MARCH (3lb worse off) 14l 5th. HUDSON BAY TRADER 2½l 2nd of 7 to Toogood To Be True in handicap chase at Market Rasen (3m 1f, soft) with GATHERING TIME distant 4th after being remounted.
Selection: VILLAGE REINDEER (nap)

3.40 FEDERATION BREWERY SPORTING CLUB CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,425: 2m 2f) (10 runners)

1 211222- ARAGON AYR 272 (CD,S) (Kelso Lowflyers Club) P Monteith 7-11-10 G Cahill (5) 94
2 F-04341 PLUMBOB 14 (G) (Kenmore Estates Ltd) Mrs S Bradburne 6-11-5 R Murphy (5) 93
3 1F0-543 MASTER OF TROY 16 (C,BF,G,S) (C Fawcett) C Parker 7-11-3 A Larnach 96
4 13210-4 BALLON 16 (G,S) (Whitworth Racing) M Dods 5-10-13 G Lee [illegible]
5 0005P0- SHARRIBA 264 (S) (B Pennington) D Moffatt 6-10-10 D J Moffatt 84
6 3-34012 DANCING DOVE 44 (CD,F,G) (K Fraser) G Richards 7-10-7 B Harding 97
7 546-6 THE MOSSES 14 (F,S) (C Sample) W Sample 10-10-1 F Leahy —
8 F-6RU44 HEATHVIEW 48 (F,S) (W Hancock) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-10-1 E Callaghan (5) —
9 13-3145 BACK BEFORE DAWN 35 (G,S) (J Pirie) P Monteith 8-10-1 T Jenks 98
10 6-01023 COOL DUDE 42 (F,G,S) (M Hutchinson) J Johnson 9-10-0 S Taylor 97

Long handicap: Cool Dude 9-9.

BETTING: 3-1 Plumbob, 7-2 Aragon Ayr, 5-1 Dancing Dove, 6-1 Ballon, Back Before Dawn, 7-1 others.

1994: ARAGON AYR 6-10-13 A Dobbin (13-8 fav) P Monteith 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARAGON AYR 3½l 2nd of 9 to Sunny Dancer in handicap hurdle at Ayr (2m, good) with MASTER OF TROY (6lb better off) 26½l 9th. PLUMBOB beat Caithness Cloud head in handicap hurdle at Newcastle (2m 4l, good) with THE MOSSES (14lb better off) tailed off 6th. MASTER OF TROY 3½l 3rd to Tronchetto in handicap hurdle at Ayr (2m 4l, heavy). BALLON 6l 4th to Weaver George in handicap hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good). DANCING DOVE 7l 2nd to Home Counties in handicap hurdle over course and distance (good) with PLUMBOB (7lb worse off) 2l 3rd. BACK BEFORE DAWN about 7¼l 5th to Dual Image in handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m, soft). COOL DUDE 5l 3rd to Dalzura in handicap hurdle at Catterick (2m, good).
Selection: DANCING DOVE

Captain Dibble put out to grass

CAPTAIN DIBBLE has been retired. Connections made their decision after the ten-year-old was tailed off in ninth place in Saturday's Anthony Mildmay, Peter Cazalet Chase at Sandown.

"He's suffered from arthritis. He just isn't enjoying it any more and his owners will have him at home," his trainer, Nigel Twiston-Davies, said yesterday.

Captain Dibble, who won over £132,000 in win and place prize-money highlighted by successes in the SGB Chase and the Scottish National three years ago, had apparently made a favourable return to action this season after a long lay-off caused by a broken bone in a knee.

He appeared to be back to his best when defeating Run For Free in the Edward Hammer Memorial Chase. But he was pulled up in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup before Saturday's failure.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Leicester

Going: good to soft (chase course), soft (hurdles)

1.15 (2m hdle) 1, GREAT MARQUESS (D Bridgwater, 2-5 fav); 2, Virkon Venture (A Maguire, 12-1); 3, Bonnifer (N Williamson, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 20 Tip The Dove (6th), 25 Jolis Absent (4th), Night In A Million, 33 Flashman, 40 Golden Nugget, Major Yaasi (5th), 100 Chippendale Ladd (pu), Christian Flight (pu). 11 ran. 4l, 1½l, 2l, 15l, 4l. N Twiston-Davies at Cheltenham. Tote: £1.40; £1.20, £2.10, £1.10. DF: £7.10. CSF: £7.00.

1.45 (2m hdle) 1, LOFTY DEED (G Bradley, 6-1); 2, Will Soon (A Maguire, 7-1); 3, Rocky Bay (J A McCarthy, 8-1); 4, Wadada (A S Smith, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav Side Bar, 11-2 Doman, 6 Tynron Doon, 8 Must Be Magical (6th), 10 Garda's Gold (5th), 11 Schweppes Tonic, 16 Almost A Princess, 20 Emerald Venture (pu), 25 By Far (f), 33 Burn Bridge, 50 Millie, 100 Vale Of York (pu) 16 ran. 1½l, 1¼l, 2½l, 20l, 8l. W Musson at Newmarket. Tote: £9.20; £2.60, £1.30, £3.70, £3.30. DF: £45.20. Trio: £125.40. CSF: £48.98. Tricast: £325.50.

2.15 (3m ch) 1, GENERAL WOLFE (J R Kavanagh, 10-1); 2, Kadi (A Maguire, 9-1); 3, Maamur (M A Fitzgerald, 10-1); 4, Sprowston Boy (W Worthington, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 3-4 fav Mugoni Beach, 11-2 Cragg Boreen, 13-2 Richardson, 7 Divine Chance, 8 Gipo Valu (5th), 16 Glengriffin (6th), 33 David John, Rock Diamond, Shining Penny, Tinley Missile (f), 50 Allo George, 100 Electrolane, Go Milesian. 17 ran. 1l, 2½l, 20l, ½l, 13l. T Forster at Wantage. Tote: £9.30; £2.30, £2.40, £1.40, £4.70. DF: £97.10. Trio: £128.00. CSF: £98.22. Tricast: £869.93.

2.45 (2m 1f ch) 1, BARNA BOY (M A Fitzgerald, 10-11 fav; Richard Evans's nap); 2, In Truth (R Dunwoody, 12-1); 3, Playing Truant (J Osborne, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 2 Olympian (5th), 11 Glasdale (4th), 25 Ronans Glen (6th), 33 Celtic Laird (pu), Rully (pu), 50 Griffins Bar, 100 Iridophanes (pu), Misty Grey. 11 ran. NR: Dual Image. 5l, 11l, 1¼l, 6l, 12l. N Henderson at Lambourn. Tote: £1.90; £2.00, £1.70, £2.20. DF: £11.70. CSF: £12.84.

3.15 (3m hdle) 1, CASTLE SECRET (D J Burchell, 5-2 jt-fav; Thunderer's nap); 2, Star Of Oughterard (D Gallagher, 11-1); 3, Crazy Daisy (T Murphy, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 jt-fav Imperial Brush (pu), 5 Celcius (5th), 12 Mardood (pu), 14 Bavard Bay (4th), 25 Chapel Hill (pu), 33 No Debt (pu), Precious Memories (pu), 50 Zub Zub (pu), 100 Nell Butt (pu), Priory Piper (pu). 13 ran. NR: North Hollow. 8l, 12l, dist, dist. D Burchell at Ebbw Vale. Tote: £3.90; £2.40, £1.70, £1.20. DF: £14.10. CSF: £29.29.

3.45 (2m hdle) 1, RAIN-N-SUN (Mr I McLelland, 5-1); 2, Mamalama (Miss E J Jones, 33-1); 3, Damier Blanc (Mr M Rimell, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Mariner's Air (4th), 8 Shahgram (5th), 10 Azureus, 14 Mecado (6th), 25 Princethorpe, 50 Raleabillion. 9 ran. 3½l, hd, 7l, 8l, 5l. J L Harris at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £5.00; £2.40, £2.60, £1.10. DF: £39.80. Trio: £60.10. CSF: £112.46. Tricast: £331.13.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £4,472.15 carried forward to Plumpton today).
Placepot: £47.50. Quadpot: £13.30.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

1.00 (1m) 1, KINNEGAD KID (D Wright, 1-2 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Eastleigh (L Dettori, 12-1); 3, Chill Lady (S Drowne, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Swallow Ridge (6th), 12 Myjinka, 16 Zinbaq (4th), 20 Great Hall, The Little Ferret (5th), 25 Arrasas Lady, Pair Of Jacks. 10 ran. 4l, 1½l, 3l, ¾l, ½l. R Ingram at Fiskerton. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £2.00, £3.50. DF: £4.70. Trio: £27.00. CSF: £8.31. Tricast: £48.38.

1.30 (5f) 1, BON SECRET (S Sanders, 2-1); 2, Merrie Le Bow (J McLaughlin, 8-1); 3, Avant Huit (J Weaver, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Piveasey (4th), 25 Kings Of Canvey Is (6th), 33 Jemthorn Bishop (5th). 6 ran. Nk, hd, ¾l, 6l, 15l. T Naughton at Epsom. Tote: £3.10; £1.30, £4.60. DF: £17.60. CSF: £16.00.

2.00 (1m 5f) 1, CARLOWITZ (Candy Morris, 9-1); 2, Dancing Diamond (S Sanders, 5-2 jt-fav); 3, Malingerer (N Gwilliams, 5-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 8 Rita's Joy, Super Assignation (4th), 12 Cristal Springs, 14 Charlistiona, Feeling Foolish (6th), 25 Highland Flame, Princerullah, 33 Tokanda (5th). 11 ran. 10l, 3½l, 7l, 9l, hd. A Moore at Brighton. Tote: £5.20; £3.90, £1.00, £2.10. DF: £11.70. Trio: £10.50. CSF: £30.70. Tricast: £68.89.

2.30 (1m 2f) 1, NIGEL'S LAD (J Weaver, 9-2 jt-fav); 2, Persian Conquest (D Wright, 8-1); 3, What's The Verdict (T Williams, 9-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 jt-fav Star Fighter (4th), 11-2 Shy Paddy, 6 Elite Number (6th), 7 Mo's Main Man (5th), 10 Soldier's Leap, 12 Tachycardia, 20 Mrs Tigger, 33 Kindred Greeting. 11 ran. 4l, 2l, ½l, 3¼l, ¾l. P Haslam at Middleham. Tote: £3.30; £1.80, £3.00, £2.30. DF: £20.80. Trio: £80.30. CSF: £41.54. Tricast: £164.44.

3.00 (7f) 1, GULF SHAADI (B Doyle, 4-5 fav; Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Sandra Dee (A Whelan, 9-2); 3, Robo Magic (L Dettori, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 25 Star Information (4th), 50 Bills Ploughgirl (5th). 5 ran. 4l, 1¾l, 7l, 15l. C Britain at Newmarket. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £2.10. DF: £2.20. CSF: £4.57.

3.30 (6f) 1, SILENT EXPRESSION (R Cochrane, 4-1); 2, Pageboy (J Weaver, 5-6 fav); 3, Spender (L Dettori, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 14 Forgotten Dancer (4th), 33 Thorny Bishop (5th). 5 ran. 3l, 2½l, 8l, 7l. B Meehan at Lambourn. Tote: £5.50; £1.70, £1.50. DF: £2.40. CSF: £7.56.

4.00 (1m) 1, DOME PATROL (J Weaver, 10-1); 2, A Million Watts (T Ives, 9-4 fav); 3, Hi Penny (D Biggs, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Hawaii Storm (4th), Possibility, 10 Panchellita, 16 Main Brace (6th), Pigalle Wonder (5th), 20 Brackland. 9 ran. ¾l, 1¼l, 2½l, 3l, nk. W Muir at Lambourn. Tote: £14.20; £1.10, £2.30, £6.80. DF: £28.90. Trio: £299.40. CSF: £31.74. Tricast: £688.13.
Placepot: £17.00. Quadpot: £26.00.

☐ Jason Weaver received a two-day ban (January 19-20) at Lingfield yesterday for using his whip with undue force on Avant Huit, third in the Victory Maiden Stakes.

PLUMPTON

THUNDERER
1.20 Tickerty's Gift. 1.50 Rosgill. 2.20 Purbeck Polly. 2.50 Fast Thoughts. 3.20 Redeemyourself. 3.50 **LANDED GENTRY (nap).**

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
1.20 STONEY VALLEY.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY IN PLACES) SIS

1.20 CROWBOROUGH NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,481: 2m 1f) (15 runners)

101 2514 EL GRANDO 23 (CD,S) K Cunningham-Brown 5-11-11 A Maguire 87
102 RU- CATEMPO 394 S Dow 5-11-4 A Dicken —
103 MAJBOOR YAFOOZ 191F J Bosley 5-11-4 M Bosley —
104 6 STONEY VALLEY 25 J Jenkins 5-11-4 N Williamson [illegible]
105 2-26 TICKERTY'S GIFT 34 G L Moore 5-11-4 M A Fitzgerald 94
106 P0 TOUGH CHARACTER 13 A Taylor 7-11-4 R Rowell —
107 0 WHITEBONNET 16 (B) C Egerton 5-11-4 D Gallagher 77
108 DIPLOMATIST 71F D Grissell 5-10-13 Peter Hobbs —
109 FABRIANA 97F T Naughton 5-10-13 R Davis —
110 3PP BEAT THE BOOKIE 53 (B) P Blockley 4-10-6 P Midgley (3) —
111 0P DEBLYN 16 R Curtis 4-10-6 G Crone (7) —
112 2P DYNAMIC DELUXE 15 S Sherwood 4-10-6 J Osborne 89
113 4205 GINGER JIM 4 (V) P Hedger 4-10-6 M Richards 80
114 442 MUNTAFI 12 G Harwood 4-10-6 M Perrett 76
115 SHERBLU 174F J Ffitch-Heyes 4-10-6 D Bridgwater —

7-4 Muntafi, 3-1 Stoney Valley, 7-2 Tickerty's Gift, 8-1 El Grando, 12-1 others.

1.50 COOKSBRIDGE SELLING HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,646: 2m) (10)

201 -2P4 BALAGAMES 16 (D,G,S) R Buckler 8-12-0 B Powell 98
202 6523 ROSGILL 23 (F,S) J White 9-11-4 A Maguire 86
203 U4-3 HANDSOME NED 38 (G,S) D Grissell 9-11-3 J Railton 85
204 -332 GENERAL MERCHANT 30 (B,D,F,G,S) R Hodges 15-11-1 R Dunwoody [illegible]
205 PP-3 OLD ROAD 21 (B,CD,F,G,S) J Smith 9-10-11 W Marston 96
206 4043 LOCAL FLYER 16 (G) P Blockley 6-10-10 P Midgley (3) 87
207 S5FP JOKER JACK 2 (F,S) R Dean 10-10-9 M Richards 80
208 PP4P RATHER SHARP 16 (D,S) C Popham 9-10-7 M A Fitzgerald 87
209 U543 APRIL'S BABY 99 Miss C Caroe 11-10-0 I Lawrence 80
210 -U03 BELLE LOCK 13 D C Tucker 7-10-0 M Griffiths (7) —

7-4 Galagames, 9-2 General Merchant, 5-1 Handsome Ned, 6-1 others.

2.20 WIVELSFIELD MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,344: 2m 4f) (11)

301 0/F FRUITFUL AFFAIR 37 T Thomson Jones 6-11-6 M A Fitzgerald —
302 P5F0 MEANUS MILLER 30 R Rowe 7-11-6 D O'Sullivan 80
303 0- MISS PANDY 327 G Enright 7-11-6 M Perrett —
304 04 PURBECK POLLY 16 R Alner 5-11-6 Mr P Henley (7) 97
305 0 TARSULA 27 J Gifford 6-11-6 P Hide —
306 -045 TINA SPARKLE 27 Mrs D Haine 6-11-6 D Bridgwater 64
307 -03F URBAN LILY 16 R Hodges 5-11-6 T Dascombe (7) —
308 00PU VIOLET ROSE 13 J Spearing 5-11-6 M Richards —
309 1224 FLEUR DE TAL 9 (F,G) W G M Turner 4-11-3 R Dunwoody [illegible]
310 MIRADOR 105F R Curtis 4-10-7 D Morris —
311 00 SAFFRON RIVER 36 W G M Turner 4-10-7 T Murphy (7) —

5-2 Purbeck Polly, 5-1 Meanus Miller, 6-1 Tina Sparkle, 7-1 others.

2.50 PREMIER PLATING WORKS NOVICES CHASE
(£3,028: 3m 1f 110yd) (12)

401 2213 FAST THOUGHTS 26 (BF,F,G,S) D Gandolfo 8-11-12 R Dunwoody 90
402 -144 FREDDY OWEN 13 (CD,S) J White 9-11-12 A Maguire 71
403 U221 NAZZARO 21 (B,S) W G M Turner 6-11-12 P McLoughlin (5) 84
404 5-FP ANSTEY GADABOUT 43 (G) D Bassett 9-11-5 S Burrough —
405 1-23 BALLY CLOVER 29 (BF,G,S) N Henderson 8-11-5 M A Fitzgerald [illegible]
406 -423 DESPERATE 30 (G,S) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-5 D Bridgwater 96
407 35U4 DI MODA 4 (V) J Bosley 8-11-5 M Bosley 76
408 P0- IN DEEP FRIENDSHIP 399 S Sherwood 7-11-5 J Osborne —
409 004- KITSBEL 308 T McGovern 7-11-5 N Williamson —
410 2F4 POSITIVE INFLUENCE 29 (G) D Grissell 9-11-5 Peter Hobbs 75
411 /5F RUSTIC SUNSET 27 A Turnell 9-11-5 S McNeill 76
412 /4F SPRINGPARK 21 T Casey 10-11-5 J A McCarthy —

5-2 Desperate, 9-2 Bally Clover, 5-1 Nazzaro, Fast Thoughts, 6-1 others.

3.20 PORTSLADE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,685: 2m 1f) (6)

501 13FF OLD BRIDGE 39 (CD,G,S) A Turnell 7-12-0 D Fortt (5) 93
502 -3PP HASHAR 15 (F) D Elsworth 7-11-12 P Holley [illegible]
503 12-1 REDEEMYOURSELF 13 (CD,S) J Gifford 6-11-9 P Hide 97
504 01-2 CHALLENGER ROW 2 (S) Mrs L Jewell 5-10-9 A P McCoy (3) 81
505 2023 TEL E THON 86 (V,CD,F,G) Miss C Caroe 8-10-3 D Leahy (3) 97
506 /53- SCENT OF BATTLE 336 (S) M Haynes 7-10-1 D Skyrme 87

4-5 Redeemyourself, 7-2 Tel E Thon, 6-1 Challenger Row, 8-1 Hashar, Scent Of Battle, 10-1 Old Bridge.

3.50 CHAILEY HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,383: 2m 4f) (13)

601 U0P3 BICKERMAN 12 (B,D,F,G,S) J Spearing 12-11-13 Miss T Spearing (7) 93
602 1-15 ESPRIT DE FEMME 64 (CD,F) D Browning 9-11-8 Peter Hobbs 88
603 -654 LANDED GENTRY 35 (S) C Broad 6-11-8 W Marston [illegible]
604 10-5 WEE WINDY 74 (C,G) J Gifford 6-11-7 P Hide 98
605 -001 BADRAKHANI 23 (C,G,S) C Nash 8-11-6 R Dunwoody 98
606 -225 SHARED GOLD 13 (S) J Bosley 5-11-3 M Bosley 90
607 4-16 RAMALLAH 53 (CD,BF,G,S) J White 6-11-3 A Maguire 91
608 530- GAMEFULL GOLD 256 (CD,G) S Dow 6-10-12 A Dicken 86
609 /1-2 SHARP PERFORMER 39 (BF,G) K Bailey 6-10-12 N Williamson 89
610 3201 INTERPLAY 51 (B,CD,G,S) R O'Sullivan 10-10-12 D O'Sullivan 90
611 -2U1 ALICE'S MIRROR 35 (B,C,G,S) T McGovern 6-10-7 D Bridgwater 88
612 260- VILLA PARK 240 (F,S) G Wareham 13-10-1 B Powell 97
613 -100 TITAN EMPRESS 30 (D,S) S Mellor 6-10-0 M Perrett 94

9-2 Badrakhani, 5-1 Landed Gentry, 6-1 Alice's Mirror, 7-1 Esprit De Femme, 8-1 Bickerman, Ramallah, 10-1 Sharp Performer, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Egerton, 11 winners from 23 runners, 47.8%; Mrs D Haine, 5 from 13, 38.5%; J White, 37 from 103, 35.9%; N Henderson, 5 from 18, 27.8%; R Alner, 5 from 19, 26.3%; R O'Sullivan, 7 from 30, 23.3%.

JOCKEYS: D Bridgwater, 6 winners from 15 rides, 40.0%; A Maguire, 45 from 152, 29.6%; J Osborne, 11 from 46, 23.9%; R Dunwoody, 21 from 104, 20.2%; P Holley, 3 from 15, 20.0%; D O'Sullivan, 9 from 50, 18.0%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Kelso: 12.40 Buckwheat Lad. 1.40 Nuveen. 3.10 Ceilidh Boy. Plumpton: 1.20 Beat The Bookie. Wolverhampton: 1.30 Fashionable Dancer. 3.30 Upper Mount Clair. 4.00 City Rhythm.

WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERER
1.30 Alpine Johnny. 2.00 Logie. 2.30 So Intrepid. 3.00 Metal Storm. 3.30 Iota. 4.00 Ballyhays. 4.30 Nordico Princess.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.30 Eqtesaad. 2.00 Logie. 3.00 **CHATHAM ISLAND (nap).**

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

1.30 BASIL SELLING STAKES
(Div I: £2,537: 1m 100yd) (11 runners)

1 44-1 EQTESAAD 6 (G) S Williams 4-9-4 T Ives 11
2 06-0 BALLAD DANCER 9 (C,F,G,S) J Mackie 10-9-0 G Carter 5
3 000- DISSIDENT DANCER 16 J Peacock 6-9-0 T Wall 1
4 000- FASHIONABLE DANCER 65 (B) C Brittain 5-9-0 B Doyle 9
5 022- ALPINE JOHNNY 16 (C,D,G) R Hollinshead 4-8-13 A Garth (5) 4
6 60-0 PERILOUS PLIGHT 9 (F) W Muir 4-8-13 J Weaver 2
7 153- ZAHRAN 11 (F) J Bradley 4-8-13 L Charnock 6
8 000/ ARAGONA 452J (S) P Cundell 6-8-9 J Williams 7
9 026- BUCKLEY BOYS 43J (B) A Bailey 4-8-8 D Wright (3) 3
10 000- CYPRUS POINT 144 G Eden 4-8-8 J Quinn 8
11 260- PRINCESS SHERA 15 (B) E Alston 4-8-8 J Stack (5) 10

9-4 Zahran, 11-4 Eqtesaad, 4-1 Alpine Johnny, 6-1 Perilous Plight, 7-1 others.

2.00 JAMUNA MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,741: 7f) (10)

1 520- ALMUHTARAM 159 W Haigh 9-0 Dale Gibson 9
2 220- BOLD EFFORT 11 K Cunningham-Brown 9-0 J Weaver 4
3 CONCER UN S Williams 9-0 G Carter 3
4 CROCODILE ROCK M Heaton-Ellis 9-0 Stephen Davies 8
5 02- LOGIE 41 M Jarvis 9-0 W Woods 6
6 3- MONTANELLI 22 K McAuliffe 9-0 R Cochrane 10
7 INCHKEITH G Wragg 8-9 D Gibbs (7) 7
8 605- JALMAID 16 B McMahon 8-9 S Sanders (5) 5
9 032- LAWNSWOOD LADY 15 R Hollinshead 8-9 L Dettori 2
10 SAND STAR D Haydn Jones 8-9 A Mackay 1

3-1 Logie, 7-2 Almuhtaram, 4-1 Inchkeith, 9-2 Bold Effort, 6-1 Montanelli, 10-1 Lawnswood Lady, 14-1 Crocodile Rock, 16-1 others.

2.30 BAILEY CLAIMING STAKES (£2,537: 6f) (13)

1 024- ROSSINI BLUE 167 R Hannon 4-9-8 L Dettori 4
2 600- ARAWA 99 (G,G) D Marks 5-9-7 M Baird (7) 6
3 12-2 WALK THE BEAT 7 (D,BF,F,G,S) R Simpson 5-9-6 S Drowne (5) 2
4 201- FRISKY MISS 15 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 4-9-5 G Carter 7
5 03-6 GREEN'S SID 9 (D,G) D Chapman 5-9-6 Alex Greaves 8
6 608- SEA DEVIL 15 (CD,F,G,S) M Camacho 9-9-4 L Charnock 5
7 005- SISON 35 (G) K Wingrove 5-9-4 J McLaughlin 13
8 055- SO INTREPID 11 (D,S) J Bradley 5-9-4 R Cochrane 11
9 6U6- LIFT BOY 234 (D,F) A Moore 6-9-3 Candy Morris 3
10 010- ARC LAMP 27 (CD,F,G) J Glover 9-9-2 S Richardson (7) 9
11 00-0 WOODLANDS ELECTRIC 7 (V) P Pritchard 5-9-0 N Adams 10
12 020/ BESSIE'S WILL 470 D Haydn Jones 4-8-13 A Mackay 12
13 284- CAHERASS COURT 74 B Preece 4-8-13 J Weaver 1

5-1 Rossini Blue, 6-1 So Intrepid, Walk The Beat, 7-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Wragg, 3 winners from 4 runners, 75.0%; M Johnston, 17 from 54, 31.5%; J Glover, 4 from 18, 22.2%; Miss S Wilton, 3 from 16, 18.8%; J Berry, 18 from 97, 18.6%; A Bailey, 15 from 85, 17.6%.

JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 33 winners from 124 rides, 26.6%; L Dettori, 20 from 95, 21.1%; M Baird, 5 from 27, 18.5%; R Cochrane, 6 from 40, 15.0%; S D Williams, 6 from 44, 13.6%; S Sanders, 8 from 65, 12.3%.

3.00 JAFFA HANDICAP (£5,706: 1m 1f 79yd) (13)

1 061- CHATHAM ISLAND 63 (F,G) C Brittain 7-10-0 B Doyle 3
2 001- METAL STORM 11 (G,S) K Cunningham-Brown 7-9-12 R Cochrane 5
3 380- RAINBOW WALK 134 (C,G) J O'Shea 5-9-12 J Stack (5) 2
4 301- SECOND CHANCE 16J (D,F,G,S) P Mitchell 5-9-6 L Dettori 8
5 240- ONE OFF THE RAIL 112 (G) A Moore 5-9-5 Candy Morris 6
6 46-4 BRACKENTHWAITE 5 (B,CD,G) L Lloyd-James 5-9-1 J Weaver 12
7 065- MENTALASANYTHIN 46 (CD,G,S) A Bailey 6-8-10 A Mackay 4
8 000- NICK THE BISCUIT 12J M Usher 4-8-8 C Adamson (7) 9
9 11-4 BENTICO 7 (CD,BF,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 6-8-8 S Sanders (5) 11
10 001- NORTHERN CELADON 11 (C,G,S) M Heaton-Ellis 4-8-8 Stephen Davies 7
11 11-1 SOUTH EASTERN FRED 8 (F,G) H Collingridge 4-8-8 (5ex) M Rimmer 1
12 040- DUBAI FALCON 128 R Dickin 4-8-1 C Rutter 13
13 054- PALACEGATE JO 11 (CD,G,S) R Hollinshead 4-7-8 J Quinn 10

9-2 Second Chance, 5-1 Chatham Island, 6-1 South Eastern Fred, Bentico, 7-1 Metal Storm, Northern Celadon, 10-1 Mentalasanythin, 12-1 others.

3.30 JERICHO HANDICAP
(£4,280: 1m 6f 166yd) (11)

1 563- CHIEF OF STAFF 27 (F,G) J Pearce 6-10-0 J McLaughlin 8
2 22-1 ARGYLE CAVALIER 9 (C,F,G,S) M Johnston 5-9-7 (4ex) Oliver Casey (7) 3
3 00-0 TAPIS ROUGE 7 (G,S) T Caldwell 6-9-6 J Weaver 6
4 200- SECRET SERENADE 67 (F) C Fairhurst 4-9-4 R Cochrane 7
5 00-2 IOTA 7 (CD,F,G,S) J L Harris 6-9-3 L Dettori 5
6 000- UPPER MOUNT CLAIR 11 (B) C Brittain 5-8-12 B Doyle 9
7 023- PREMIER DANCE 11 (C,F,G) D Haydn Jones 8-8-8 A Mackay 10
8 006- BRIEF RESPITE 15 (F) E Alston 4-8-5 J Stack (5) 1
9 432- SCORCHED AIR 92 (F) J O'Shea 5-8-2 N Varley (5) 2
10 054- MANOLETE 11 (B) C W C Elsey 4-7-7 N Kennedy 4
11 406- CHILD STAR 35 (C,G,S) D Marks 6-7-7 M Baird (7) 11

9-4 Argyle Cavalier, 4-1 Premier Dance, 9-2 Iota, 5-1 Manolete, 7-1 Chief Of Staff, 10-1 Tapis Rouge, 14-1 Scorched Air, 16-1 others.

4.00 BASIL SELLING STAKES
(Div II: £2,537: 1m 100yd) (11)

1 01-5 BALLYHAYS 7 (CD,G) J A Harris 6-9-5 S D Williams 2
2 50-0 BEWARE OF AGENTS 7 (F,S) M Johnston 6-9-0 L Dettori 6
3 000- CITY RHYTHM 11 (V) J Bradley 5-9-0 D Wright (3) 8
4 006- CONISTON LAKE 214 (F) G L Moore 6-9-0 Caroline Hovington (7) 7
5 005- DANCE AND SING 16 D Williams 5-9-0 N Adams 1
6 0/0 INDIAN FIRE 6 K Cunningham-Brown 5-9-0 L Charnock 10
7 000- NIGELSCHINAPALACE 11 Miss S Wilton 6-9-0 J Williams 5
8 00-0 POP TO STANS 5 (CD,F,G) J Pearce 6-9-0 G Bardwell 3
9 000- ROYAL ACCLAIM 11 (V,D,F,G,S) J Bradley 10-9-0 Amanda Sanders (7) 4
10 003- MISS CHARLIE 15 A Bailey 5-8-9 G Carter 11
11 00-2 OFF THE AIR 5 (V,C,G,S) I Campbell 4-8-8 R Cochrane 9

6-4 Beware Of Agents, 11-4 Miss Charlie, 4-1 Off The Air, 8-1 others.

4.30 MALIBU HANDICAP (£3,708: 5f) (13)

1 04-4 LEIGH CROFTER 7 (B,D,F,G,S) P Cundell 6-10-0 J Weaver 1
2 500- JON'S CHOICE 32 (C,G) B Preece 7-9-11 T Wall 10
3 000- BELLA PARKES 97 (F,S) D Nicholls 4-9-11 Alex Greaves 8
4 00-1 SIR TASKER 7 (CD,F,G) J L Harris 7-9-11 (7ex) L Dettori 2
5 012- NORDICO PRINCESS 11 (D,G,S) G Oldroyd 4-9-9 R Cochrane 9
6 65-3 DELROB 7 (CD,G) D Haydn Jones 4-9-7 A Mackay 6
7 031- KALAR 27 (B,D,F,G) D Chapman 6-9-5 C Teague (7) 7
8 1-06 NINEACRES 4 (B,D,F,G) D Nicholls 4-9-2 C Rutter 3
9 60-0 HINARI VIDEO 6 (CD,G,S) M Johnston 10-9-1 Oliver Casey (7) 4
10 130- SCORED AGAIN 16 (CD,F,G,S) M Heaton-Ellis 5-9-1 Amanda Sanders (7) 11
11 050- BRISAS 27 (V,CD,F,G) C Fairhurst 8-8-4 J Fanning 5
12 04-0 BLACK BOY 2 (B) R Mann 6-7-12 Claire Balding (7) 12
13 00-0 TOMMY TEMPEST 7 (B,CD,G,S) A Bailey 6-7-12 D Wright (3) 13

3-1 Sir Tasker, 9-2 Nordico Princess, 6-1 Leigh Crofter, Kalar, 8-1 others.

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Gough's injury tarnishes first triumph of tour against Australia

Hick strengthens England's hopes of place in finals

From John Woodcock in Melbourne

THIS is much more like it. England's moral victory in the third Test match last week and their defeat of Zimbabwe over the weekend were followed here yesterday by the first success of their tour, in any sort of match, against Australia. They beat them by 37 runs, the batting of Hick and the bowling of Fraser paving the way.

To pull off such a timely and ultimately convincing win after making a bad start and having to make do without the bowling of Gough was splendid. They should reach the finals of the World Series Cup now — to prevent that, Australia A will need to beat them by a wideish margin in Sydney tomorrow — and that, too, if they manage it, will keep the momentum going.

Australia rested McDermott, which was obviously a help to England, and Warne was fairly subdued, his arm low enough for those concerned about his shoulder to be just a little anxious. McGrath bowled well and Mark Waugh effectively, but Robertson and Law were encouragingly ordinary. It could have been a salutary defeat for Australia. For England, it was most certainly a fillip.

England chose to bat and were soon in trouble. Gooch was out in the fourth over, caught, as he often is these days, at slip. If it is not there, it is at the wicket. He is having one of his bad trots, as much as anything, I think, because his confidence is low. Even when his was the wicket that the West Indian fast bowlers prized more than any in the world, he was heavy on his feet.

His way of coping with them relied as much on eye and height and judgment of what, and what not, to play, as on footwork: but it relied most of all on confidence. It is good to hear that Alec Stewart's finger is mending well; with his present problems, Gooch might be happier down the order. Perhaps Crawley could open tomorrow?

Coming on at 31 for one, to bowl the twelfth over, Mark Waugh took a wicket with his first and ninth balls. Atherton was caught at square cover, choosing the wrong one to drive, and Thorpe at the wicket down the leg side, trying to help something on its way. This was idle of Thorpe, but it gave Fairbrother the chance to begin his rehabilitation.

Pretty well he took it, too. While he and Hick were averting another collapse and adding 89 together in 17 overs, their late cutting and running between the wickets were a revelation. Although the absence of slips in the one-day game invites the cut, the most delicate and delightful of strokes, modern bats are so heavy that it is rarely seen. Fairbrother was, in fact, caught at the wicket, aiming to cut Warne — or anyway to run him down to third man — the bounce of the ball being steeper here than in Johannesburg, where he has been playing his cricket this winter.

Crawley came in with 19 overs left, time enough for him to give himself a sight of the ball; but he chased the seventh he received, an all-the-way outswinger, and gave Healy his third catch in a row. When Rhodes quickly followed, unluckily leg-before, Gough came and made Hick a bonny, telling and occasionally outrageous partner. I hate the reverse sweep with a passion, but Gough played one against Robertson, bowling little off cutters by then, that had him swinging himself almost off his feet and went second bounce for four. It was quite disarming.

Of the 74 he and Hick added, Gough's share was 44. With nine balls left, Hick was caught at long-off, having played by some way the best innings of the match. Yet, of the 120 balls he received, he hit only two for four, a sure sign of how hard Australia would have to work for victory.

Carrying on where he left off in the Sydney Test match, Fraser very soon reduced Australia to 19 for three. Moving the new ball about, he bowled Slater with a beauty, found an outswinger for Steve Waugh, off which Rhodes held a fine, diving catch, and caused Taylor to sky an attempted hook. In Gough's absence Gooch did yeoman service with his medium pace; Hick and Udal bowled their off breaks tidily, and DeFreitas got his outswinger to swing.

While Mark Waugh was there, Australia were not out of it, though the pitch, like the outfield, was slow enough to make an asking rate of anything approaching six an over very demanding. Law looked as though he could play; Boon buzzed around; Healy, as is his wont, was a nuisance, and Warne showed again what a useful batsman he is going to make.

But from the moment that Mark Waugh chopped Hick's third ball into his stumps England could expect to win. In doing so, they were helped by a brilliant catch from Atherton at short mid-wicket, and by the spirit of redemption. In a tortuous sort of way, the tour is looking up.

TABLE

	P	W	L	Pts
Australia	6	5	1	10
England	5	3	2	6
Australia A	5	2	3	4
Zimbabwe	6	1	5	2

PREVIOUS RESULTS: Dec 2: Australia bt Zimbabwe by 2 wkts (Perth); Dec 4: Australia A bt Zimbabwe by 5 wkts (Perth). Dec 6: Australia bt England by 28 runs (Sydney); Dec 8: Australia bt Zimbabwe by 84 runs (Hobart). Dec 10: Australia A bt Zimbabwe by 7 wkts (Adelaide); Dec 11: Australia bt Australia A by six runs (Adelaide). Dec 13 England bt Australia A by 31 runs (Melbourne). Dec 15: Zimbabwe bt England by 13 runs (Sydney) Jan 7: England beat Zimbabwe by 26 runs (Brisbane) Jan 8: Australia beat Australia A by 34 runs Brisbane

MATCHES TO COME: Tomorrow: Australia A v England (Sydney). Jan 15: first final (Sydney): Jan 17: second final (Melbourne). Jan 19: third final (Melbourne).

MELBOURNE SCOREBOARD

England won toss

ENGLAND

G A Gooch c Taylor b McGrath (16min, 14 balls)	2
*M A Atherton c S R Waugh b M E Waugh (47min, 30 balls)	14
G A Hick c Fleming b Warne (178min, 120 balls, 1 six, 2 fours)	91
G P Thorpe c Healy b M E Waugh (10min, 14 balls, 1 four)	8
N H Fairbrother c Healy b Warne (65min, 58 balls, 2 fours)	35
J P Crawley c Healy b McGrath (6min, 7 balls)	2
†S J Rhodes lbw b McGrath (7min, 5 balls)	2
D Gough b McGrath (62min, 49 balls, 4 fours)	45
P A J DeFreitas not out (8min, 4 balls)	2
S D Udal not out (1min, 1 ball)	2
Extras (b 4, lb 10, w 6, nb 2)	22
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs, 204min)	225

A R C Fraser did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11 (Atherton 4); 2-31 (Hick 9), 3-44 (Hick 11), 4-133 (Hick 57); 5-136 (Hick 58), 6-142 (Hick 62), 7-218 (Gough 44), 8-223 (DeFreitas 2)

BOWLING: Fleming 10-1-36-0 (w 4; one spell). McGrath 10-1-25-4 (w 1, 5-1-14-1, 3-0-4-2, 2-0-7-1); M E Waugh 10-1-43-2 (nb 2; 6-1-25-2, 4-0-18-0); Warne 10-0-37-2 (w 1; 8-0-28-1, 2-0-9-1); Robertson 5-0-38-0 (4-0-28-0, 1-0-10-0). Law 5-0-32-0 (4-0-27-0, 1-0-5-0).

Man of the match: G A Hick.

AUSTRALIA

*M A Taylor c Rhodes b Fraser (33min, 13 balls)	6
M J Slater b Fraser (13min, 12 balls)	2
M E Waugh b Hick (90min, 66 balls, 3 fours)	41
S R Waugh c Rhodes b Fraser (7min, 3 balls)	0
S G Law c and b Udal (50min, 28 balls)	17
D C Boon b Hick (53min, 47 balls)	26
†I A Healy c Atherton b Hick (78min, 63 balls, 1 four)	56
G R Robertson run out (DeFreitas/Rhodes, 6min, 7 balls)	1
S K Warne b Fraser (33min, 25 balls)	21
D W Fleming not out (19min, 12 balls)	5
G D McGrath b DeFreitas (15min, 12 balls)	10
Extras (w 3)	3
Total (48 overs, 203min)	188

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3 (Taylor 1); 2-18 (M E Waugh 8); 3-19 (M E Waugh 11), 4-82 (M E Waugh 34); 5-76 (Boon 7); 6-125 (Healy 30), 7-131 (Healy 35); 8-173 (Warne 21); 9-173 (Fleming 0)

BOWLING: Fraser 10-2-22-4 (6-2-7-3, 2-0-9-0, 2-0-6-1); DeFreitas 9-0-32-1 (7-0-23-0, 2-0-9-1): Gooch 10-0-50-0 (w 3; 5-0-30-0, 5-0-20-0): Udal 9-1-43-1 (7-1-28-1, 2-0-15-0). Hick 10-1-41-3 (9-1-34-2, 1-0-7-1).

England won by 37 runs.

Umpires: P D Parker and S G Randell

TV replay umpire: W P Sheahan.

☐ Compiled by Bill Frindall

GRAHAM MORRIS

Gough is helped from the field after suffering a stress fracture of the foot yesterday

Tailenders lend support to Gallian

By Our Sports Staff

THE England A team was outplayed by the Indian Board President's XI in Madras yesterday and the invitation XI will start the final day of the four-day match 237 ahead with eight second-innings wickets in hand.

After beginning at 131 for four, England A were bowled out for 247 by a three-man spin attack. The home team then built on a lead of 86 by scoring 151 for two and is well placed to force a win ahead of the first five-day international, starting in Bangalore on Saturday.

The three spinners shared nine wickets, with the off spinner, Kanwaljit Singh, of Hyderabad, finishing with four for 56. The left-armer, Utpal Chatterjee, took three for 56 and Sairaj Bahutule's leg breaks brought him two for 65.

Jason Gallian, of Lancashire, batting at No 3, played almost a lone hand for the touring team. He converted his overnight 36 into 79, an innings spanning five hours 40 minutes and 280 balls, before being ninth out, stumped off Bahutule. England A would have been further behind had not Ian Salisbury and Richard Johnson used the long handle effectively to give Gallian much needed support.

Salisbury and Kent's Bombay-born left-arm spinner, Min Patel, each took a wicket when the President's XI batted again, although Salisbury's seven overs cost 57 runs.

The President's captain, Vikram Rathore, played some lovely strokes in his 42, but it was the unbeaten 58-run stand between Saurav Ganguly and Rahul Dravid that pushed England A almost out of contention. Ganguly reached his half-century just before the close.

England A will definitely be without Mark Ilott, the Essex left-arm fast bowler, for the first international and there are fears that he might not be able to bowl again on tour because of a side injury.

It is only a week since Ilott left Australia after acting as a stand-by for the senior side for a fortnight. Now he seems to have been struck down by the same injury jinx that has been such a cruel companion to Atherton's party.

"Mark is usually a good healer, so let's hope he comes through," the England A physiotherapist, Wayne Morton, said. "But he's definitely in no shape to play in the first international of our three-match series here, and side injuries are always big problems for fast bowlers.

"He's getting ice and ultrasound treatment and trying to do some stretching exercises. I will know more about whether he can recover quickly during the match in Bangalore.

"But there is a chance that he may have to go home if he doesn't improve by then."

☐ The India A squad of 14 for the series against contains four Test players, including the captain, Praveen Amre.

INDIA A: P Amre (captain), V Rathore, J Singh, R Dravid, S Ganguly, S Rizwan, A Muzumdar, V Yadav, R Chauhan, U Chatterjee, S Bahutule, A Kuruvila, S Ankola, P Mhambrey

SCOREBOARD FROM MADRAS

BOARD PRESIDENT'S XI: First Innings 333 for six dec (V Rathore 59, S C Ganguly 69, R Dravid 84, S Rizwan 78)

Second Innings

*V Rathore c Wells b Salisbury	42
A Mehra b Patel	18
S Ganguly not out	54
R Dravid not out	34
Extras (b 1, lb 1, nb1)	3
Total (2 wkts)	151

S Rizwan, S Bahutule, †A Vaidya, V Chatterjee, A Kuruvilla, S Ankola and K Singh to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-93

BOWLING Cork 14-3-37-0; Johnson 7-2-14-0, Patel 17-5-41-1; Salisbury 7-0-57-1

Umpires: S Choudhry and N Menon

ENGLAND A: First Innings

N V Knight c Bahutule b Singh	41
M P Vaughan b Kuruvilla	14
J E R Gallian st Vaidya b Bahutule	79
*A P Wells c Rathore b Chatterjee	5
D L Hemp lbw b Singh	5
D G Cork c Mehra b Chatterjee	27
†K J Piper c Dravid b Chatterjee	5
I D K Salisbury c Ganguly b Singh	21
R L Johnson c Ganguly b Singh	26
M C Ilott c Rathore b Bahutule	2
M M Patel not out	1
Extras (b 6, lb 5, nb 10)	21
Total	247

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-80, 3-95, 4-105, 5-159, 6-171, 7-203, 8-240, 9-246

BOWLING Ankola 10-2-36-0; Kuruvilla 8-1-23-1; Singh 32-10-56-4 Bahutule 29.5-6-65-2. Chatterjee 29-10-56-3

McGrath establishes position of strength

By Our Sports Staff

A MAGNIFICENT innings of 169 by Anthony McGrath, of Yorkshire, in 339 minutes helped the England under-19 team to a strong position on the second day of its tour match with Trinidad and Tobago at the Gilbert Oval. McGrath's innings included 15 fours and one six.

McGrath and David Sales, of Northamptonshire, who scored 63, added 128 in 132 minutes. Scott Ellis, of Worcestershire, hit a rapid 34 before England were all out for 391, which gave them a lead of 202.

Left with 13 overs to face, Trinidad lost two wickets and ended play on 30 for two with a day to play.

Kim Barnett announced yesterday that he will be stepping down as captain of Derbyshire at the end of the summer. Barnett, who is the county's longest-serving captain, was appointed captain at the age of 22 in 1983. During his reign, Derbyshire won the Sunday League, in 1990, and the Benson and Hedges Cup, three years later, but they have struggled for the past two seasons in the championship.

Barnett admitted that a lack of commitment from what he described as a "small minority of players" had been partly responsible for recent underachievement and he insisted that standards would be improved this summer.

"I am looking forward to 1995," he said. "I intend to re-establish the standards of professionalism that we initiated many years ago and that perhaps have been compromised in more recent times by a small minority."

Jason Ratcliffe has left Warwickshire, who won three trophies last summer, and signed a two-year contract with Surrey. Ratcliffe, 25, a batsman, made only two championship appearances last season, after scoring 999 first-class runs in 1993.

RADIO CHOICE

A breath of steam radio

Victoria Station. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

If you miss the opening seconds of Steve Chambers's second play about a crisis-ridden railway station, you may feel disorientated by it all. What is the stationmaster's daughter doing sporting bloomers in public? Why must the porters wear black ties and line up for inspection? Why are the local Purity League women chaining themselves to the locomotive? And why are a gang of platelayers complaining that the station tunnel is haunted? The reason for this uncharacteristic (by 1990s standards) behaviour is that Chambers has turned back the pages of railway history to the year 1895. Breathe in deeply and you might be able to smell that lovely old steam.

Unbroken Voices. *Radio 4, 2.45pm.*

I am becoming addicted to these compilations of children's voices. They express hope in the future even when adults would say that the short-term prospects do not inspire much enthusiasm. The wishes of these youngsters from many parts of the world are modest. In a greed-powered society, how refreshing it is to hear a little girl saying, without a hint of false piety, that all she and her brother need to keep them happy is some grass and some sticks. Today's edition is about childhood and the environment. There is a resonant slogan from a young lad who has no idea that he just created one: "The earth is not a legacy from our parents; it is something we have to give to our sons and daughters."

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa L'Anson with the Lunchtime Show, incl at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat *7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Bits from* Last Week's Radio, with Greg Proops **10.00** Mark Radcliffe, with music and conversation from Manchester, and Mark Kermode's Cult Movies **Midnight** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Sarah Kennedy *9.15 Pause for Thought* **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Debbie Greenwood **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd: with Janet Russell and Christine Kydd **8.00** World-Wide Concerts: Jewish traditional music from the Burning Bush **8.30** Songs Sung In . . . In Cornwall **9.00** Anita Bhalla's Across Two Cultures: story-teller Vayu Naidu **9.30** Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertains. **10.30** The Jamesons *12.05am Steve Madden 3.00-6.00 Alex* Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme with Peter Allen, incl at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine with Diana Madill, incl at **10.35** Euronews **11.00** Natural History **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at *12.34pm Liz Barclay with Moneycheck* **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** the day's sport in full **7.35** Trevor Brooking's Football Night: highlights from Liverpool v Arsenal at Anfield **10.05** News Talk, with Jeremy Vine **11.00** Night Extra, incl at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05** After Hours, with Carole Malone **2.05** Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT**. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin **5.00** News **6.00** Morgenmagazin **6.30** Today **7.00** News **7.15** Off the Shelf. *Oscar and Lucinda* **7.30** Andy Kershaw **8.00** News **8.10** Faith **8.15** Multitrack **8.30** Megamix **9.00** *News 9.05 Business* **9.15** *Country Style* **9.30** Crisis in the Family **9.45** Sport **10.00** News **10.01** Omnibus **10.30** Jazz **11.00** News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **12.00** *News* **12.10pm** Faith **12.15** New Ideas **12.35** Artists **12.45** Sport **1.00** News**2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf **2.45** Books **3.00** News **3.15** From Our Correspondent **3.30** Quote, Unquote **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** *News 5.05 Business 5.15 BBC English* **6.00** News **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** News **7.05** Outlook **7.30** Omnibus **8.00** News **8.10** Faith **8.15** Today **8.30** Europe **9.00** News **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Sport **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.30** Multitrack **12.00** News **12.15am** Greenfield Collection **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Waveguide **1.40** Books **1.45** Farming **2.00** News **2.30** Sport **3.00** News **3.15** Sports *Roundup 3.30 Assignment 4.00 News*

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: C.P.E. Bach (Cello Concerto in A) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Gardening Forum (r) **8.00** Evening Concert: Johann Svendsen (Overture: Romeo and Juliet), *Kabalevsky (Romeo and Juliet)*; Berlioz (Romeo at the Tomb of the Capulets); Prokofiev (Romeo and Juliet) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Paul Coyte **11.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** J.L. Grace

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather ***7.00 On Air****: with Andrew McGregor.* **7.05** *Purcell (Fantasia a 3);* **7.08** Kreutzer (Grand Quintet in C), Sibelius (Night Ride and Sunrise, Op 55); Copland (Hoe-Down, Rodeo); Vivaldi (Concerto in D, La Pastorella); Mussorgsky, arr Stokowski (Boris Gudunov: Symphonic Synthesis)

9.00 ***Composer of the Week****:* Hindemith (Symphony for concert band; Scherzo: Symphonia Serena)

10.00 Midweek Choice: with Susan Sharpe. Reinecke (Sonata in E minor, Undine); George Lloyd (Symphony No 1 in A); Nielsen (Commotio, Op 58); Alkan (Concerto da camera in A minor): *Spivakovsky (Concerto for harmonica)*

12.00 Ulster Orchestra under En Shao. Arnold (Larch Trees, Op 3); Walton (Symphony No 1) (r)

1.00pm Birmingham Lunchtime Concert, live from Studio 1. Roger Chase, viola; Roger Vignoles, piano. Schumann (Märchenbilder, Op 113); Clara Schumann (Romances, Op 22); Brahms (Sonata in F minor, Op 120 No 1)

2.00 Early Risers: Jorn Erik Jensen looks at the burgeoning early music scene in Scandinavia (r)

3.00 Record Review: *presented* by Anthony Burton (r)

4.00 Choral Evensong, from Portsmouth Cathedral

5.00 ***The Music Machine****: Tommy* Pearson explores *the* origins of the orchestra

5.15 In Tune: Andrew Green plays a selection of music including *Schumann (Arabeske in C for piano)*

6.00 Rush Hour Concert, live from the Wigmore Hall, London. Dmitri Alexeev, piano, plays an all-Chopin programme of polonaises, waltzes and mazurkas ending with the *Andante spianato* and *Grande Poloaise brillante in E flat*

7.00 In Tune Part 2: Elgar (Overture: Cockaigne, In London Town)

7.30 Men of Blackmoor: An opera in three acts with music by Alan Bush and text by Nancy Bush. The tale of *strikers and suffering in 19th-*century Northumberland. BBC Northern Singers and the BBC Northern Symphony Orchestra under Stanford Robinson (r)

9.50 A Splendid Science Called Musick: Simon Callow continues readings from the writings of Roger North about music

10.05 Jánaček *(Mladi; Concertino* for piano and six instruments: Susan Tomes, piano; The Gaudier Ensemble) (r)

10.45 **Night Waves**: Christopher Cook talks to Professor Henry Louis Gates whose memoir, *Coloured People*, combines childhood anecdote with the story of the American Civil Rights movement. Plus a *review of Warworks: Women, Photography and the Art of War* at the Victoria and Albert Museum

11.30-12.30am ***Ensemble****: Jill* Anderson *introduces* a recital by the pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet of a selection of works by Ravel and Debussy

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday *in* Parliament **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Midweek: with *Times* columnist Libby Purves *and guest John Sessions*

10.00 News; A Good Read (FM only): Michèle Roberts and guests Piers Gough and Janet Street-Porter select three paperbacks which they consider to be a good read

10.00 Daily Service (LW *only***)**

10.15 Pilgrim's Progress (LW only): A dramatisation of the classic by John Bunyan (r)

10.30 Woman's Hour: From window dresser to the board of Harvey Nichols, Mary Portas talks visual marketing with Jenni Murray. Serial: *Split Skirt* (7).

11.30 Gardeners' Question Time: Experts tackle listeners' gardening queries (r)

12.00 News; You and Yours

12.25pm The Oldest Member: Maurice Denham as the doyen of Prior's Heath Golf Club, in stories by P.G. Wodehouse. With Sue Holderness, Jon Glover and John Kane **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Victoria Station: See Choice

2.45 Unbroken Voices: See Choice

3.00 News; Anderson Country

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Quentin Cooper talks to *Interview with the Vampire* director Neil Jordan, whose new novel appears a week before the release of his film

4.45 Short Story: Seriously Seeking J.K. Galbraith, by Catherine Merriman (r)

5.00 PM *5.50 Shipping Forecast* **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Counterpoint. The music quiz, conducted by Ned Sherrin (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Face the Facts: *presented* by John Waite

7.45 Medicine Now: with Geoff Watts (r)

8.15 ***Big Bang****: The science* programme which combines location reports, features, live discussions and comic reviews

8.45 Too Late for the Party: Ray Gosling looks at the *extraordinary wartime heyday* — and subsequent decline — of London's Bohemia

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 World Tonight

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The ***Phantom of the Opera***, by Gaston Leroux (8/10)

11.00 One Born Every Minute: Jez Nelson meets people who give up their time to record gravestone engravings in their county (r)

11.30 ***Paris, London*** *(FM only)*: More comedy from Simon Godley, Robert Harley, Carla Mendonça and Gary Parker (r)

11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only)

12.00-12.43am News incl 12.27 Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** As World Service (**LW** only)

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

RITSU

(c) A Buddhist sect of the early Tang period, introduced in the eighth century to Japan where it flourished, concerned primarily with the study of monastic discipline and ordination rites. 1931. G. B. Sansom, *Japan*: "The Ritsu sect did ot trouble much about doctrinal questions, but paid special attention to discipline and correct spiritual succession."

SANTERO

(c) In Mexican and Spanish-speaking areas of the south-western US, a maker of religious images. 1931. R. L. Barker, *Caballeros*: "As the colonists became more securely rooted on the prados and mesas of Nuevo Mexico, certain men developed greater proficiency as carvers and painters. They were called santeros."

OG

(a) Australian and New Zealand slang for a shilling. "Catherine was reluctant to hand over her three quid and seven og."

PLIG

(a) A polygamist, used especially with reference to the practice of polygamy *attributed* to *the Mormon Church*. 1978. *Observer*: "Polygamy has made a surprising comeback of late. 'The Pligs are sprouting like weeds,' said a county sheriff."

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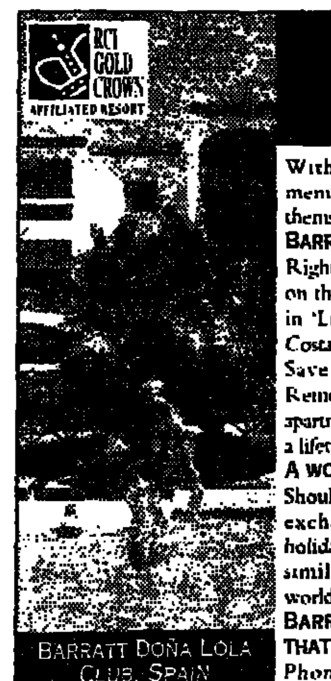

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REVIEW

Lynne Truss

In a darkened room filled with 11th-century peasants, a newsreel projector flickers, operated by a solemn priest in a mitre. The peasants don't eat popcorn or Maltesers, but it's a close-run thing. The film is *Pilgrims in Arms!*, a black-and-white army recruitment device, and its crusading message is literally a message about crusading. "Your bishop says — GO!" booms a newsreely male voice, familiar from the days of *Monty Python*; "your Pope says — GO!" Meanwhile Terry Jones stands beside the projector, commenting straight to camera on the stars of the forthcoming historical attraction, namely the First Crusade. "That's Hugh of France," he confides, as yet another knight in chain-mail hogs the screen. "He thinks rather a lot of himself. He's another one on the make."

Love or loathe this sort of visual aid, you can't deny it gets the story across. The essential thing is that history is not sacrificed to gimmick, and in last night's first **Crusades** (BBC 2), it wasn't. Terry Jones is an excellent story-teller, and the subject became surprisingly television-friendly in his hands. In the average career, actors are expected to do many things, but impersonating a mosaic is not usually among them. "The good news is, you've got the part of Alexius of Constantinople; the bad news, you're playing him as a medley of coloured stones — stock still, daubed with cube-effect paint, and with big eyeballs painted on your lids."

The late Lord Reith might not recognise the tasteful use of the blue-matt technique (superimposing Jones on medieval pictures, so that he could turn round and explain what's going on), but otherwise he would surely approve of all this clever informing and entertaining. The story last night, briefly, was that Constantinople applied to the Pope for help against the infidel, hoping to get a few soldiers by return of post. Instead, the Pope used it as an excuse to raise an army; meanwhile his offer to pilgrims of confirmed seats in heaven raised an enormous rabble as well. History had never seen anything like it; and wonderfully, there are still historians gob-smacked with amazement. The enthusiastic Jonathan Riley-Smith could hardly contain himself. "This series of actions was *breathtaking*," he gasped, as though 1095 was yesterday, and really he might have to lie down.

You are often asked by television to share other people's outrage, and sometimes it's not so easy. It depends how the outrage is expressed. Last night's **Network First: UFO** (ITV) railed against official cover-ups, unanswerable sightings quashed by government; *UN Blues* listed umpteen shocking scandals associated with the United Nations — mainly fraud, corruption, inertia, high living and general uselessness. Both films were persuasive, yet for different reasons appeared to protest too much. I mean, nobody likes a cover-up, but it would be a bit irresponsible of governments if on every UFO sighting that couldn't be explained as a dustbin lid, the official, panic-inducing reaction was "Yike, what the hell was *that*?".

Lawrence Moore's UFO film was full of "sightings" — bits of amateur video on which bright lights hovered and darted, while on the soundtrack the cameramen yelled "There! Over there!" and forgot to use a tripod. In Florida, on a bay called Gulf Breeze, there appear to be regular night-time light shows ("Go, baby, go!"), although the presence of an air force base near by may have some significance. The biggest British cover-up in Moore's heartfelt film concerned a well-attested sighting at Woodbridge in Suffolk — near another top-security American air force base. One can't help suspecting a connection.

Also, the point needed to be made that, in America, belief in aliens has in many minds supplanted conventional religion, with paranoia thrown in. If the American people were asked to crusade against aliens ("Your President says — GO! Captain James Kirk says — GO!"), one suspects that a depressingly large number would not ask questions first.

Meanwhile the sleaze at the UN has evidently reached such a pinnacle of cynicism that even the queue of detractors seemed to have been worn down by it. I was unfair earlier: of course **UN Blues** (Channel 4) did not overstate its case (the case was self-evidently too huge), but the accusations were relentless, the critics were weary, and the occasional lapse into sarcasm was bad. Discussing the UN's decision to base itself in mega-rich Geneva, the narrator said pettishly: "After all, there are only 189 member states to choose from." The worst revelation was that when UN officials are found guilty of malpractice (making a personal profit out of a famine, for example), they are packed off to another post without disgrace, on the old-fashioned principle, "out of sight, out of mind".

Finally, it was nice to see the ultimate smoke-alarm joke in last night's **Jim Tavare Pictures Presents** (BBC 2), a peculiar new ten-minute series consisting entirely of clownish sight gags (like *Mr Bean*, only without audience laughter). Tavare is the endearing comedian with the double bass, who played the Royal Variety last year. In last night's story, he moved into a new flat (wearing his perpetual evening dress), and positioned the smoke-alarm above the fireplace. He lit the fire. "Weep-weep-weep" went the alarm, so he grabbed it and tossed it in the flames. What a guy. The story of his infatuation with the bass was traced back to childhood dalliance with a violin, and adolescent devotion to a cello. You can't say it's not different.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (83072)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News. Includes extended bulletins on the hour and headlines every 15 minutes (18692492)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (8967188)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1845508) **10.05 Good Morning With Anne and Nick.** Weekday magazine (s) (65117782)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7398256) **12.05 Pebble Mill** (s) (3387121) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (78779985)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (62430)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (91426614) **1.50 Timekeepers.** Quiz game (s) (91420430)

2.15 Alias Smith and Jones. Lighthearted western adventures starring Pete Duel and Ben Murphy as outlaws trying to go straight. In this they are hired to stop a train robbery, planned by their former gang (r) (5539091) **3.05 Movie Magic.** Series on the secrets of film-making (8199140)

3.25 Cartoon (8119904) **3.45 Sick As a Parrot.** Children's crossword puzzle game (s) (5651527) **4.00 Jackanory.** Christopher Guard with part three of Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island* (s) (6572965) **4.10 Potsworth and Co** (r) (4531275)

4.30 CHOICE **The Really Wild Show.** (Ceefax) (s) (256)

5.00 Newsround (6058169) **5.05 Elidor.** Fantasy drama about four young Mancunians who discover a twilight world. (Ceefax) (s) (5778625)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (111256). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (121)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (701)

7.00 This Is Your Life Michael Aspel with another potted biography. (Ceefax) (s) (2966)

7.30 On the Up. Comedy series about the trials and tribulations of a self-made millionaire. Starring Dennis Waterman (r). (Ceefax) (s) (985). **Wales:** Winter in Wales

8.00 How Do They Do That? Stories of human achievement, introduced by Desmond Lynam and Jenny Hull. (Ceefax) (s) (433508)

8.45 Points of View. (Ceefax) (s) (211701)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1459)

David Attenborough looks at plants (9.30pm)

9.30 CHOICE **The Private Life of Plants: Travelling.** (Ceefax) (s) (617140)

10.25 FILM: The Bedroom Window (1987) starring Steve Guttenberg and Elizabeth McGovern. A man having an affair with his boss's wife finds himself a murder suspect when his alibi would mean revealing the liaison. Directed by Curtis Hanson. (Ceefax) (688169)

12.15am FILM: Stick (1985) starring Burt Reynolds, Candice Bergen and George Segal. Thriller about a former convict out to avenge the murder of an old friend. Directed by Burt Reynolds (387522)

1.50 Weather (8835831)

BBC2

7.00 Dilly the Dinosaur (r) (s) (4867411) **7.05 Bump** (r) (4866782) **7.10 Toxic Crusaders** (r) (8123237) **7.35 Incredible Games** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1353237)

8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (8244411)

8.15 The Record. (Ceefax) (7696701)

8.35 Crawshaw Paints On Holiday (5787701)

9.00 On Challenged Wings (r) (19985) **10.00 Playdays** (s) (6408241)

10.25 FILM: The Wind Cannot Read (1958) starring Dirk Bogarde and Yoko Tani. Romantic drama directed by Ralph Thomas (74478091)

12.15 Britain's Other Airports (r) (6229430)

12.30 Working Lunch (14256) **1.00 Postman Pat** (r) (13164072) **1.15 The Infinite Voyage.** A look at the human body's clock mechanism (r) (6266324) **2.10 Songs of Praise** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8964817)

2.45 NEW **Myths and Legends.** Garry Rice begins his trawl of the myths and legends of England in the Cotswolds (3737530)

3.00 News and weather followed by **Westminster with Nick Ross.** (Ceefax) (9108643) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (7355445)

4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (614)

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook. Cookery show (s) (898)

5.00 NEW **Play It Again.** Paul Jones presents the music show (s) (3072)

5.30 All In the Mind. Lateral thinking quiz (s) (850)

6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. Science fiction adventures with Patrick Stewart. (Ceefax) (s) (852530)

6.45 Natural Born Footballers. Jack and Sir Bobby Charlton talk about the game (618985)

7.00 The World At War narrated by Laurence Olivier (r). (Ceefax) (9343)

8.00 Rhodes Around Britain. Chef Gary Rhodes sample Norfolk fare (r) (s) (9256)

8.30 University Challenge. New College v St Benet's Hall. (Ceefax) (s) (1091)

9.00 CHOICE **Timewatch: Out of the Ashes.** (Ceefax) (958817)

Secombe, Milligan and Sellers (9.50pm)

9.50 The Last Goon Show of All recorded in 1972 (r) (984459)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (280430)

11.15 The Late Show (s) (142966)

11.55 Weather (599140)

12.00 News followed by **The Midnight Hour.** Trevor Phillips reviews the day in Parliament (5350102). Ends at **12.55am**

4.00-4.15 BBC Select: Benefits Agency Today (40165454)

5.00-6.00 Voluntary Sector Television (51980)

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CHOICE

The Private Life of Plants: Travelling
BBC1, 9.30pm

Having done the animal kingdom proud on television, Sir David Attenborough turns his attention to trees and flowers. His seven-part series, handsomely filmed in all parts of the globe, covers the subject by theme. Tonight's is how plants travel, either under their own efforts or by the spreading of their seed. A lucidly organised film shows how seeds are scattered by wind, or water, the shoes of humans and the digestive systems of elephants and rhinos. Apart from Sir David's renowned, somewhat breathless, enthusiasm, the series owes much to the ability to speed up film. Thanks to technology, months of growth can be condensed into a few seconds, enabling daffodils to burst into flower, blackberries to turn from green to black and brambles to advance like triffids.

Baby Joe with his parents in 1948 (BBC2, 9.00pm)

Timewatch: Out of the Ashes
BBC2, 9.00pm

Experience of the German concentration camps has been much evoked in television documentaries, with the danger that the horror may be lessened through over-exposure. Catrine Clay's film varies the approach by calling up testimonies not from the victims but their children. Too young to have known the war at first-hand, Joe, Samson and Julie piece together the dreadful stories of Nazi persecution and, often just as harrowingly, tell of how wartime experiences blighted their parents' lives long afterwards. But for all three families there has been a happy ending of a sort. Archive film and family photographs help to fill out a narrative which is presented without commentary or comment.

Taggart: Prayer for the Dead
ITV, 9.00pm

A man falls to his death during a drugs rave and the body of a young woman is found in the river. The last *Taggart* story to feature the late Mark McManus gets off to a typically grim start. As usual, the locations match the downbeat mood. The sun must sometimes shine in Glasgow but hardly ever when the *Taggart* crew is at work. Sadly, for his last appearance, McManus has little more than a bit part. But it is a telling exit. He is actually promoted to acting superintendent, though in acrimonious circumstances after his boss has a heart attack. Barry Appleton's script, meanwhile, offers another of those satisfyingly complex investigations for which the series has become noted. But do not expect any fun.

The Really Wild Show
BBC1, 4.30pm

The good news for Michaela Strachan is that the budget stretches to a trip to Arizona. The bad news is that she finds herself reporting on rattlesnakes. She is a relieved onlooker when the Tucson fire department rescues the venomous reptile from a suburban garden. Later, however, she bravely agrees to handle the slithery beast. Surprisingly the snake comes only second in the list of Arizona's top ten nasties, yielding top spot to the black widow spider. After the snake, the otter which burrows inside Michaela's sweater is almost a welcome guest. The junior wildlife series is as relentlessly jolly as ever, while offering a serious tidbit or two along the way.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (3584091)

9.25 Chain Letters. Word game presented by Ted Robbins (4070966) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7968350)

10.00 The Time . . . The Place (s) (9355072)

10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine with Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan (32293985) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7387140)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7753898)

12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (7761817) **1.25 Home and Away.** (Teletext) (34126782)

1.55 Capital Woman. Includes a look behind the scenes of a model agency (s) (56340986) **2.25 A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (17165256) **2.50 Blue Heelers.** Australian country town police dramas (6186817)

3.20 ITN News headlines. (Teletext) (5615188) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (5614459)

3.30 Alphabet Castle (s) (5667188) **3.40 Wizadora** (s) (9155427) **3.50 Scooby Doo** (4756527) **4.15 Reboot** (s) (4516966) **4.40 The Tomorrow People** (Teletext) (3843459)

5.10 After 5. (Teletext) (8823594)

5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (445850)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewer access slot (399188)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (817)

6.30 London Tonight with Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (169)

7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers. Game show presented by Phillip Schofield and Emma Forbes. The guests include Richard Digance, George Marshall and the Chinese State Circus (s) (7102)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (463)

8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. With Bob Monkhouse, Elaine Paige, Jimmy Somerville and The Real McCoy (s) (2817)

A final case for Mark McManus (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Taggart: Prayer for the Dead.** (Teletext) (s) (2053)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (93275) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (950817)

10.40 Carlton Sport Bob Wilson and Ian St John introduce highlights from tonight's four Coca-Cola Cup quarter-finals. The commentators are Brian Moore and Alan Parry (4133184)

12.10am Alien Nation. The second and final part of the drama starring Gary Graham (s) (5343812)

1.05 Hollywood Report. Showbusiness gossip (s) (9099675)

1.35 The Beat. Music and movie magazine (s) (1762270)

2.35 The Album Show (s) (9725473)

3.30 House On the Harbour. A portrait of the Sydney Opera House (9409270)

4.05 Donahue The guests are people who discovered that their partners were planning to kill them (4850270)

4.55 The Time . . . The Place Topical discussion (r) (2575454)

5.30 ITN Morning News (14812). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Once Upon a Time — Life. An animated series exploring the human body (8290140)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (52053)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (70324)

9.30 Stand Still, Be Fit Series on fitness using minimal movement (s) (6081053)

9.45 FILM: Brigham Young (1940, b/w) starring Dean Jagger. The story of the trek westwards from Illinois to Utah by the Mormons led by Brigham Young. Directed by Henry Hathaway (167904)

11.45 In A Rehearsal Room A short film about a romantic classical ballet (9008701)

12.00 House To House Maya Even presents the political magazine (90188)

12.30 Sesame Street Early learning entertainment (36121) **1.30 Take Five** featuring **The Mr Men, Further Tales of the Riverbank, Joggy Bear** and **Ivor the Engine** (r) (52445) **2.00 The Plastic Blaster** A *Terrytoon* cartoon (41621121)

2.10 FILM: The Game of Love (1989) starring Ken Olin, Ed Marinaro and Max Gail. A made-for-television drama following the fortunes of a disparate group of people who frequent a singles bar. Directed by Bobby Roth (Teletext) (377633)

3.55 Journeyman The second of a 16-part series in which Clive Gunnell explores the countryside between the Thames in Oxfordshire and the Dorset coast. (Teletext) (3355985)

4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (966)

5.00 Ricki Lake The guests are people who have transformed themselves in the last ten years (Teletext) (s) (6278695)

5.50 Terrytoons (372411)

6.00 The Crystal Maze (r). (Teletext) (s) (17343)

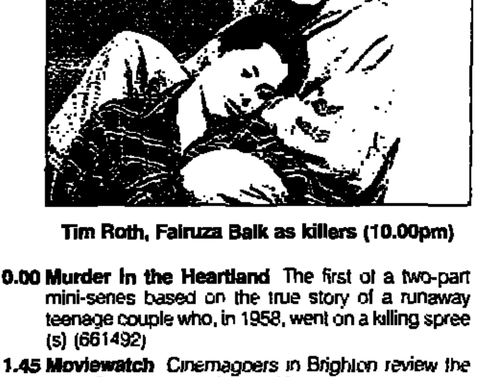
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (297492)

7.50 The Slot. A viewer comments on a topical subject (264508)

8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (4324)

8.30 Travelog Robert Elms reports from Colombia's Caribbean coastline and then the island of Providencia. (Teletext) (s) (3459)

9.00 Dispatches. A documentary about the dark side of Britain's burgeoning arms trade. (Teletext) (4445)



Tim Roth, Fairuza Balk as killers (10.00pm)

10.00 Murder In the Heartland The first of a two-part mini-series based on the true story of a runaway teenage couple who, in 1958, went on a killing spree (s) (661492)

11.45 Moviewatch Cinemagoers in Brighton review the latest film releases (r) (s) (899411)

12.15am LA Law. American courtroom drama series (s) (255102)

1.15 We Jive Like This A celebration of the dance, poetry, theatre and music of back-street South Africa (r) (s) (251386)

2.15 FILM: Mission to Moscow (1943, b/w) starring Walter Huston. A Second World War propaganda drama, based on the experiences of the American Ambassador in Moscow in the years leading up to the war. Directed by Michael Curtiz (94356560) Ends at **4.00**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (91421169) **2.20** Gardening Time (17157237) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (6186817) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (8823594) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (361256) **10.40** Anglia Sport Special (1376614) **12.00am** *Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge* (13183) **12.30** The Album Show (52744) **1.30** Hollywood Report (39744) **2.00** America's Top Ten (67164) **2.30** Donahue (9726102) **3.25** The Little Picture Show (2667744) **4.25** The Time.. the Place (1927763) **5.00-5.30** *The Munsters Today* (88034)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (91421169) **2.20** Gardening Time (17157237) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (6186817) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (8823594) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (361256) **10.40-12.10pm** Central Sports Special (4133184) **3.30am** Jobfinder (222164) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2202725)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (7761817) **1.25** Home and Away (51814053) **1.50** Highway to Heaven (6906237) **2.50-3.20** Coronation Street (6186817) **5.10-5.40** *A Country Practice* (8823594) **6.25-7.00** Granada Tonight (361256) **10.40** Granada Soccer Night (4133184) **12.10am** Alien Nation (5343812) **1.05** Hollywood Report (9099675) **1.35** The Beat (1762270) **2.35** The Album Show (9725473) **3.30** House on the Harbour (9409270) **4.05** *Donahue:* People whose partners tried to kill them (4850270) **4.55-5.30** The Time.. the Place (2575454)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.55-10.00 HTV West Headlines (7968350) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West News and Weather (7387140) **1.55** Good Health! (56340986) **2.25** Simply Delicious (17156508) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (7887275) **3.25-3.30** HTV West Headlines (5614459) **5.10** A Country Practice (8823594) **5.40-6.00** ITN News, Weather (173121) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (169) **10.30** HTV West Headlines and Weather (950817) **10.40-12.10pm** The West Match (4133184)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 9.55am-10.00 HTV Wales News (7968350) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (7387140) **1.55-2.25** Only Yesterday (56340986) **3.25-3.30** HTV Wales News (5614459) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (169) **10.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (950817) **10.40-12.10pm** Top Sport (4133184)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (7968350) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (7387140) **1.55** A Country Practice (91421169) **2.20** *Getaways* (17157237) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (6186817) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (5614459) **5.10** Home and Away (8823594) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Freescreen (379324) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (817) **6.30-7.00** The Country Set (169) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (950817) **10.40** Midweek Sport (1378614) **12.00am** Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge (13183) **12.30** The Album Show (52744) **1.30** Hollywood Report (39744) **2.00** America's Top Ten (67164) **2.30** Donahue (9726102) **3.25** The Little Picture Show (2667744) **4.25** The Time .. the Place (1927763) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (88034)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55 High Road (56340986) **2.25-2.55** The Entertainers (17156508) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (8823594) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (19701) **10.30** Westcountry News; Weather (950817) **10.40** The Westcountry Match (947188) **11.40-12.10pm** The Hidden Room (904898)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (91421169) **2.20** Look and Cook (17157237) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (6186817) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (8823594) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (658169) **6.30-7.00** *Runway* (169) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (950817) **10.40** The Match (947188) **11.40** Last Rites (992169) **1.35am** Hollywood Report (9598560) **2.05-2.35** Videofashion (3946396) **3.35** Noisy Mothers (2897812) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (13184)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (52053) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (70324) **9.30** Stand Still, Be Fit (6081053) **9.45** Film: Brigham Young (52390121) **11.50** In A Rehearsal Room (6045091) **12.00pm** House To House (90188) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (11184) **1.00** Sesame Street (52409) **2.00** Man With The Gun (534091) **3.35** The Three Bears (5657701) **3.45** High Interest: Fawlty Premises (6456140) **4.30** Gamesmaster (986) **5.00** 5 Pump (6003695) **5.20** 5 Pump (6045695) **5.30** Countdown (548) **6.00** Newyddion (723121) **6.20** Heno (351879) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (8904) **7.30** Tip Top (695) **8.00** Pengelli (4324) **8.30** Newyddion (3459) **9.00** *Dim Ond Celf* (487140) **9.35** Rap (375614) **10.00** Brookside (91817) **10.30** Cutting Edge: The Club (53091) **11.30** Dispatches (599985) **12.15am** Ellen (34270)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

8.00am DJ Kat Show (87097072) **7.45** Power Rangers (5181091) **8.25** Dennis (5261817) **8.40** Dynamo Duck (7736311) **8.45** Oprah Winfrey Show (8588940) **9.30** Card Sharks (49966) **10.00** Concentration (8465275) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (8730850) **10.30** Candid Camera (10966) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (88492) **12.00** Urban Peasant (34546) **12.30pm** E Street (43782) **1.00** St Elsewhere (48237) **2.00** Lace II (64324) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey (9162508) **3.50** DJ Kat Show (1757072) **4.15** Power Rangers (4241324) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (3091) **6.00** Gamesworld (9527) **6.30** *Blockbusters* (8409) **7.00** E Street (1492) **7.30** M*A*S*H (2091) **8.00** Dangerous Games (89508) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (91343) **11.00** David Letterman (437546) **11.45** Littlejohn (123966) **12.30am** Chances (72522) **1.30** Night Court (55367) **2.00-6.00** Hitmix Long Play (4635522)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.

6.00am Sunrise (9734701) **9.30** This Week (14072) **10.30** ABC Nightline (18508) **11.00** News and Business (19362) **1.30pm** CBS News (77053) **2.30** Parliament Live (11879) **4.00** News and Business (50508) **5.00** Live at Five (2589701) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (288091) **8.00** News and Business (20850) **9.30** News Extra (61188) **11.30** CBS News (50121) **12.30am** ABC News (70164) **1.30** Fashion TV (33454) **2.30** Parliament Replay (32725) **4.30** CBS News (60096) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (65560)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (2694850) **10.00 Out on a Limb** (1992) (54898) **12.00 Morons from Outer Space** (1985) (78527) **2.00pm Staying Alive** (1983) (82695) **4.00 Give My Regards to Broad Street** (1984) (5695) **6.00 Out on a Limb** (1992) (16689) **8.00 1492: Conquest of Paradise** (1992) (25215343) **10.35 Body of Evidence** (1993) (29509091) **12.20am Sins of the Night** *(1992) (8852725)* **1.50** ***The Indian Runner*** (1991) (42387831) **3.55-5.20 In the Line of Duty: The Price of Vengeance** (1993) (39382676)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea (1961) (68053) **8.00 Dracula Has Risen from the Grave** (1968) (70898) **10.00-12.00 An American Werewolf in London** (1981) (23492)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Interlude (1957) (10409) **8.00 Around the World in 80 Days:** Cartoon (50573) **9.00 Black Arrow** (1988) (64459) **10.00 A Tree Grows in Brooklyn** (1945) (70945546) **12.10pm Strictly Ballroom** (1992) (734879) **2.00 The Polar Bear King** (1992) (80237) **4.00 Around the World in 80 Days** (78904) **5.00 Black Arrow** (1988) (6701) **6.00 Freeze Frame** (1989) (49140) **7.30 Special Feature: The Making of The River Wild** (5701) **8.00 Strictly Ballroom** (1992) (88132879) **9.35 Barbarians at the Gate** (1993) (406411) **11.25 Interceptor** (1993) (274275) **1.00am Hellbound: Hellraiser II** (1989) (286788) **2.35 The Hospital** (1971) (631657) **4.20-5.40 Freeze Frame** (1989) (355676)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (1345546) **7.15** WWF Superstars (332701) **8.15** Soccer News (2407850) **8.30** Boots 'n' All (9577966) **9.15** Fish Tales (5685343) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (74237) **10.00** Surfing (46430) **11.00** Skiff Sailing GP: Torbay regatta (81492) **11.30** Snowboard Tour (82121) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (69817) **12.30pm** Superbike World Championship (61879) **2.30** Grass Roots Rugby (7324) **3.00** Tartan Extra (93237) **4.00** Extreme (84512) **5.00** WWF Challenge (9817) **6.00** Soccer News (197817) **6.15** Cricket Preview (153324) **7.00** The Rugby Club (45188) **8.00** NBA Basketball (25324) **10.00** Soccer News (503695) **10.15** Cricket Preview (754430) **11.00** The Rugby Club (54459) **12.00** NBA Basketball (55744) **2.00am** Extreme (16164) **3.00** Fish Tales (86034893) **3.15-7.00** Cricket, Live: England v Australia (19668102)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Rally Raid (42614) **8.00** Euroski (43527) **9.00** Figure Skating (11256) **11.00** Rally Raid (18188) **11.30** Football (16985) ***1.30pm*** *Eurotennis (24985)* **2.30** Euroski (24546) **3.30** Equestrianism (41140) **4.30** Football (25633) **6.30** Eurosport News 1 (7701) **7.00** Prime Time Boxing Special (68985) **8.30** Rally Raid (5099) **9.00** Motors (29140) **10.00** Karting (39527) **11.00** Equestrianism (49527) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (30283)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (2197121) **8.30** Peyton Place *(2196492)* **9.00** *As the World Turns* (9945817) **10.00** Guiding Light (4437508) **11.00-12.00** Another World (4440072)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 The Way of Life — China (2107508) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (6333343) **1.00** Roads to Freedom (4451188) **1.30** Cooking in America (6332614) **2.00** California Gold (7521035) **2.30** The Way of Life — China (5546904) **3.00** Moving Postcards — Suffolk (2471332) **3.30** Caribbean Vacation (6518121) **4.00** Sky Travel Guide (8537256) **4.30** Kids Down Under (8526140) **5.00** Cruising the Globe (3926427) **5.30** Pierre Franey's Cooking in America (8517492) **6.00** Australia (8341362) **7.00** La Lore (4776275) **8.00** Around the World (1021891) **8.30** Sky Travel Guide (8071576) **9.00** Australia (4772459) **10.00** Cruising the Globe (2108237) **10.30** La Lore (7397508) **11.30-12.00** *California Gold (8683904)*

Gérard Depardieu as Christopher Columbus (Sky Movies, 8.00pm)

TLC

9.00am Blitz on Cartooning (7579053) **9.30** Madeleine Cooks (3941879) **10.00** Somebody's Children (4676256) **10.30** Only Human (2369508) **11.30** Class by Class (2401169) **12.00** Hot House People (2957430) **1.00pm** Madeleine Cooks (7645817) **1.30** Blitz on Cartooning (2944966) **2.00** Frontiers (9890869) **2.30** Northern Eye (7772879) **3.00** England's Last Wilderness (1539504) **3.30-4.00** It's a Vet's Life (7777324)

UK GOLD

7.00am Blankety Blank (7648904) **7.30** Neighbours (7627411) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7598188) **8.30** EastEnders (7597459) **9.00** The Bill (7571411) **9.30** Buccaneer (2533633) **10.30** When the Boat Comes In (2261966) **11.30** Blankety Blank (2403527) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7591275) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2947053) **1.00** EastEnders (7647275) **1.30** The Bill (2946324) **2.00** Bless This House (8284427) **2.30** Citizen Smith (7774237) **3.00** Knots Landing (2407343) **4.00** Dynasty (2486850) **5.00** Every Second Counts (3461782) **5.35** Top of the Pops (2378508) **5.55** *Porridge* (7753053) **6.30** EastEnders (7798546) **7.00** Citizen Smith (4684463) **7.30** Bless This House (7788430) **8.00** Going Straight (6389071) **8.30** Carry On Laughing (9634968) **9.00** Fox (9757324) **10.00** The Bill *(7582904)* ***10.30*** *Top of the Pops (6919695)* **11.05** The Kit Curran Radio Show (8586053) **11.35** Dr Who: Battlefield (7044850) **12.05am** FILM: **My Brother Talks to Horses** (1946) (9783657) **1.40** Candid Camera (57937676) **2.10** Shopping at Night

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Teddy Ruxpin (28695) **6.30** Piggsburg Pigs (3941898) **6.55** Garfield (3944985) **7.25** Eek the Cat (8157072) **7.55** Pugwall (5619053) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (6768140) **8.45** Casper and Friends (3985695) **9.00** Sesame Street (37343) **10.00** It's Droibee Time (21169) **12.00** Garfield (98343) **12.30pm** Eek the Cat (67591) **1.00** Beverly Hills Teens (77985) **1.30** Super Mario Brothers (93379917) **1.45** Baby Follies (15587332) **2.00** Barney and Friends (3148) **2.30** Babar (2072) **3.00** Casper (6672701) **3.15** Gravedale High (278904) **3.45** Sonic (277275) **4.15** Head to Head (4148492) **4.30-5.00** Pugwall (9508)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nickalive (1343188) **7.15** Pee-Wee (356121) **7.45** Rugrats (355492) **8.15** Doug (457324) **8.45** Nickalive (9662121) **9.00** Nick Jr (143782) **12.00** Pee-Wee (67459) **12.30pm** Muppets (76695) **1.00** Galaxy High School (35324) **1.30** Banana Sandwhich (76966) **2.00** Denver (7072) **2.30** Smoggies (5966) **3.00** Nick Faves (3879) **3.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (1351) **4.00** Doug (9546) **4.30** Rugrats (8430) **5.00** Clarissa (8324) **5.30** Alex Mack (9782) **6.00** Grimmy (6695) **6.30-7.00** Dracula (3575)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Life in the Wild (7786459) **4.30** Wild South (7785343) **5.00** Treasure Hunters (2084689) **5.30** Terra X (7772188) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (9525169) **7.00** Predators (9759782) **8.00** Invention (2461463) **8.30** Nature Watch with Julian Pettifer (5939350) **9.00** The Infinite Voyage (9755966) **10.00** Resistance to Hitler (7590546) **10.30** Spies (7578966) **11.00-12.00** Space Age (7622966)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Behemoth the Sea Monster (1959). A giant radioactive monster goes on the rampage in London (8317017) **1.30pm** Donny and Marie (2931492) **2.00** The Avengers (4664411) **3.00** My Three Sons (1434940) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (7764850) **4.00** FILM: **Bikini Beach** (1964) (3339576) **6.00** The Protectors (7793362) **6.30** Cannon (2841850) **7.30** Scotland Yard (7780898) **8.00** The Avengers (9762256) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (2400430) **9.30** FILM: **Tickle Me** (1965) (5536072) **11.30-12.00** Garry Shandling (4689988)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (2620492) **7.00** Living Magazine (2623430) **8.00** Beautywise (7845985) **8.30** Truth About Women *(7844237)* **9.00** *Japan (4069237)* **9.25** *Now You See It* (7353817) **10.00** Trivia Trap (4806966) **10.30** Susan Powter (7857701) **11.00** Young and the Restless (3777459) **12.00** Rendezvous (7848053) **12.30pm** Kilroy (3229121) **1.30** Bazaar (4598508) **2.00** *Agony Hour (4807695)* **3.00** *Living Magazine* (4858169) **3.45** Gladrags (87245782) **4.00** Infatuation (5864985) **4.30** Trivia Trap (10068527) **4.55** Marco (2744966) **5.30** Kate and Allie (5844121) **6.00** Susan Powter (5874362) **6.30** Mr and Mrs (5865614) **7.00** Living Magazine *(8062607)* ***8.00*** *Young and the Restless* (6062427) **9.00** Cagney and Lacey (6167071) **10.00** Charlie's Angels (9412148) **11.00** Mr and Mrs (7761430) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation (4895850)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Danger Mouse (4140) **5.30** Cliff Hanger (3188) **6.00** The Big Dish (460140) **6.25** All Clued Up (309643) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (4904) **7.30** My Two Dads (6427) **8.00** Road To Avonlea (72256) **9.00** FILM: **The Speaker of Mandarin** (75343) **11.00** Lou Grant (87362) **12.00** Rhoda (53763) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (18102) **1.00** Danger Mouse (90980) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (33183) **2.00** Bordertown (63637) **2.30** African Skies (84454) **3.00** Lou Grant (21021) **4.00** Rhoda (96299) **4.30-5.00** Big Brother Jake (11473)

MTV

5.00am Awake (77473) **6.30** Grind (29850) **7.00** Awake (93546) **8.00** VJ Ingo (752891) **11.00** Soul (75527) **12.00** Greatest Hits (26614) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (31695) **3.00** The Pulse (1053) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (8404527) **3.45** Cinematic (8492782) **4.00** News (4167527) **4.15** 3 from 1 (4140850) **4.30** Dial MTV (1966) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (88966) **7.00** Greatest Hits (65966) **8.00** Real World 3 (2782) **9.00** The Worst of Most Wanted (47072) **9.30** Beavis and Butthead (27343) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report *(803164)* ***10.15*** *Cinematic (853689)* **10.30** News (765701) **10.45** 3 from 1 (780256) **11.00** The End? (42459) **1.00am** Soul (58541) **2.00** The Grind (83855) **2.30** Night Videos (440096)

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (4450459) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (9864121) **12.00** The Bridge (2365275) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (4475411) **2.30** Heart and Soul (7395508) **3.30** Into the Music (4978695) ***6.00*** *Prime Cuts (6510492)* **7.00** VH-1 for You (4778633) **8.00** Soul (4754053) **9.00** Ten of the Best (4774817) **10.00** The Bridge (8641091) **11.30** Today's Top Five (8685362) **12.00** The Nightly (2795638) **2.00am** Prime Cuts (5947833) **3.00** Soul (1149763) **4.00** *Ten of the Best (2995675)* ***5.00*** *Dawn Patrol*

CMT EUROPE

Country music from **6am** to **7pm**, including at **4.00pm** CMT Delivery Room **5.00** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (97850) **7.00** Asian Morning (15817) **8.30** Bunyaad (81053) **9.00** Punjabi FILM: Dushman Jattan Di (781965) ***12.00*** *Ghar* (11782) ***1.00pm*** *Hindi FILM:* Jonny I Love You (606701) **4.00** Serial (1350) **4.30** Serial: Kab Tak Pukaroon (9362) **5.00** Balachandarin Chinnathi Rai (6966) **5.30** Tamil Cinema Quiz (1594) **6.00** TVA and You (6695) **6.30** Serial: Bunyaad (3575) **7.00** BBCD (8188) **7.30** Zameen Aasman (6459) **8.00** News (4508) **8.30** Hindi FILM: Dooda Ka Karz (808072) **11.30** Zindagi (49427) **12.00** Asian Morning (23305) **1.30am** Sight and Sound

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.

7.00pm The Barretts of Wimpole Street (1957) *(25407701)* ***8.55 Song of Love*** (1947) (65937527) **11.10 Romeo and Juliet** (1936) (59372463) **1.30am The Painted Veil** (1934) (65910314) **3.05-5.00 Bride to Be** (1974) (76469909)

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Striker joins champions from Newcastle in record £7 million deal

Cole burns hole in United's pocket

By Peter Ball

IN THE gloomy aftermath of Manchester United's defeat in Gothenburg in the European Champions' League, Martin Edwards, the chairman, promised that the club was prepared to break the British transfer record in order to compete in Europe. Yesterday Alex Ferguson called in the promise, paying a British record £6 million for the prolific Newcastle United goalscorer, Andy Cole.

With Keith Gillespie, United's exciting young Northern Ireland international, joining Newcastle as part of the transfer, its total value is around £7 million, easily exceeding the £5 million Blackburn paid Norwich City for Chris Sutton in the summer. Cole, 23, last night signed a 5½-year contract which will keep him at United until the year 2000.

It means Ferguson has now spent over £26 million in eight years. United could recoup £2.5 million by selling Mark Hughes, their Wales international, whose place is put at risk by the arrival of Cole, although Ferguson insisted yesterday that he has no immediate plans to sell. The Everton manager, Joe Royle, has already had one bid for Hughes turned down, and he may be more successful this time, although Aston Villa and Leeds United could provide competition.

Those are the facts. They hardly reveal the dimensions of the story which astonished the football world yesterday. For once "sensational" is not a tabloid cliché, but a sober, if anything understated, description of the transfer.

Ferguson's pursuit of an English striker has been well documented and that he should have coveted Cole is unsurprising. That Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, should sell a player who not only scored 41 goals last season but is revered almost as a god on Tyneside is barely credible.

Even the player was astonished when Keegan told him on Monday that he had accepted an offer from Manchester United. "I was very shocked and I expect you boys were too," Cole told a press conference at Old Trafford yesterday afternoon. "I never thought Newcastle would sell me, at least not to another English club."

But with Newcastle in something of a slump, and Cole not having scored for ten matches, the most barren run of his career, Keegan decided to shake things up. His admiration for Gillespie persuaded him and it is a typically brave decision; some would say it is foolhardy given feelings on Tyneside. The pair will sit out the match between Newcastle and Manchester United at St James' Park on Sunday.

If Cole was surprised to be leaving, Ferguson was delighted to get his man, even though, as he admits, any transfer is a gamble. Ladbrokes obviously think so, too, their odds against United doing the double for a second time lengthening with news of the transfer.

With Hughes reaching his 30s, United's search for a forward to strengthen their squad of English players after the untimely European exit, for a second successive season, was no secret and Teddy Sheringham and Les Ferdinand had been linked with the club, along with Stan Collymore. Cole had been ignored publicly.

"When strikers were being considered, Andy Cole was mentioned least because we never thought we could get him," Edwards said yesterday. In recent weeks Collymore had seemed destined to solve the problem, but Forest delayed.

On Friday a frustrated Ferguson got tired of waiting for Forest to say yes and decided to test the water in Newcastle. Cole is a different type of forward to Collymore, but Ferguson clearly believes that he will form the same fruitful partnership with Cantona that he enjoyed at Newcastle with Beardsley.

"I think the way we play will suit Andy," Ferguson said. "We found that teams just come and sit on the edge of their box and defend against us, and they might be a bit wary about doing that now we've got him."

Ferguson had made a tentative inquiry early in the season, and had it rejected out of hand. To his surprise this time Keegan did not dismiss the approach; instead he phoned Ferguson back and asked for Gillespie.

In his turn Ferguson took time to think. Gillespie had been one of the outstanding graduates from the youth team but, given the restrictions on "foreign" players in the European Cup, he, like Hughes, suffers from not being English. "If Keith had been English, I wouldn't have let him go, but sometimes you have to give something to get something," Ferguson said.

Cole had no reservations. "I've left a good team and come to an even better one. There are lots of world-class players here and I think I'll get loads of goals. It's the only club I'd have left Newcastle for. But when Kevin said he had accepted United's offer that made up my mind."

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> *To view the deal in market forces is dangerous ... Cole is flesh and blood, vulnerable. He needs, as never before, a personal relationship with his new manager.*
>
> — **Rob Hughes, page 44**

Cole in pensive mood as he faces the press at Old Trafford yesterday after joining Manchester United from Newcastle for a record fee. Photograph: Paul Sanders

Born
Nottingham, October 15, 1971.

Career
Arsenal (1989-1992): two substitute appearances (one in league), no goals.
Fulham (loan, 1991): 15 (13), 4 (3).
Bristol City (1992-1993, loan then £500,000 transfer): 49 (41), 25 (20).
Newcastle United (1993-1995, £1.75 million): 84 (72), 68 (54). Record 41 goals in 1993-1994 season. In 18 months, scored 7 hat-tricks (v Barnsley, Leicester City, Notts County (2), Liverpool, Coventry City, Royal Antwerp).
Manchester United (1995-, £7 million).

Honours
England B: 1 cap, 1 goal (v Ireland B, December 1994).
England Under-21: 8 caps, 4 goals.
1994 PFA Young Player of the Year.

Leading English transfers

Andy Cole (Newcastle-Man Utd)	£7m
David Platt (Bari-Juventus)	£6.5m
David Platt (Aston Villa-Bari)	£5.5m
Paul Gascoigne (Tottenham-Lazio)	£5.5m
David Platt (Juventus-Sampdoria)	£5.2m
Trevor Steven (Rangers-Marseilles)	£5m
Chris Sutton (Norwich-Blackburn)	£5m
Chris Waddle (Tottenham-Marseilles)	£4.25m
John Scales (Wimbledon-Liverpool)	£3.5m
Alan Shearer (South'ton-Blackburn)	£3.3m

☐ Note: world record is GianLuigi Lentini (Torino-AC Milan), £13m.

Keegan sticks to his guns

KEVIN KEEGAN, the Newcastle United manager, is prepared to stand or fall by his decision to sell Andy Cole to Manchester United (Louise Taylor writes). "I know my management of this club will be judged from here on in," he said. "I understand the implications. I know what the bottom line will be if things don't work out.

"I've done a lot of soul-searching over the last four days but I am thinking about the future good of this club. I believe that £6 million and Keith Gillespie will be good for Newcastle.

"I am hopeful of signing someone else soon. With this money I can buy almost anyone in the world I want. But, temporarily at least, I think Keith Gillespie will be good enough to replace Cole, good enough to do some of the things Andy did for us.

"Obviously, there will be some fans who are disappointed. They will say it's a bad move. Some will think it's a good deal, though. Everyone's entitled to their opinion but I stand by my decision. It is a good deal, too good to turn down and that's what I told my board," Keegan said.

Injury to Gough brings in Lewis

From John Woodcock in Melbourne

THE England cricket team in Australia suffered another particularly unfortunate setback here yesterday when Darren Gough was carried off the field during the one-day international against Australia with a stress-fracture of his left foot. He will be on crutches for a week and is unlikely to take any further part in the tour.

Gough has been the outstanding English player of the last three months, not only for his success with bat and ball, but also because he has won the hearts of the Australian public with his friendly, uninhibited style. To England's innings of 225 for eight yesterday he contributed a typically bold and breezy 45 in 49 balls.

For fear that something was not quite right after last week's Test match, he had the same foot X-rayed on Friday but was given the all clear. Yesterday he checked in his delivery stride in the act of bowling the first ball of Australia's innings. It seemed at first like nothing more than a slight trip or an error of timing, and he continued running without much apparent discomfort until collapsing where silly mid-off fields to a right-handed batsman. This time the radiologist's report was a lot less favourable.

Chris Lewis, who has been in and out of many recent England sides and is in Melbourne to play club cricket, was at once drafted into the party, so promptly, in fact, that he came on as a substitute and gave a welcome lift to the England fielding. Lewis is the fifth new player to have reinforced the original team of 16 that left London on October 18. The others are Angus Fraser, Mark Ilott (who has since moved on to India), Jack Russell and Neil Fairbrother, who was himself in the wars last night after springing a shoulder in the field.

Despite these adversities, England gave one of their best performances of the tour, winning by 37 runs before a crowd of 73,782 and thus greatly improving their chances of reaching the final of the one-day competition.

Photograph 46
England triumph 46
Struggle for A team 46

Surprise January sale divides Tyneside shoppers

Louise Taylor finds differing reactions to the news that a hero is leaving St James' Park

Is selling Andy Cole the smartest thing Kevin Keegan has done? Or does the transfer represent betrayal? Opinion on Tyneside is divided. Whatever the rights and wrongs of the sale, its impact was sufficient to stop Newcastle's January sales shoppers in their tracks yesterday. Across the city centre, people of all ages stood glued to newspapers.

Shopping bags were dropped at feet as the *Evening Chronicle*'s front page headline "Cole sold for £7m" was absorbed. A flip to the back page reinforced the shock: "Cole for Man U". Newspaper sellers in Eldon Square could hardly recall a day like it — similar interest had not been registered since the day Keegan became United's manager. Or maybe the morning Margaret Thatcher's resignation was announced.

Despite the heavy rain, hundreds of bedraggled supporters congregated outside St James' Park. Among these hardcore members of the Toon Army, the mood was of disbelief. "Say it ain't so, please say it ain't so," they said as arriving journalists were interrogated.

Inside, John Beresford, the Newcastle left back, was meeting sponsors for a routine promotional exercise. Shock personified, his initial reaction was that the transfer must be " a wind-up".

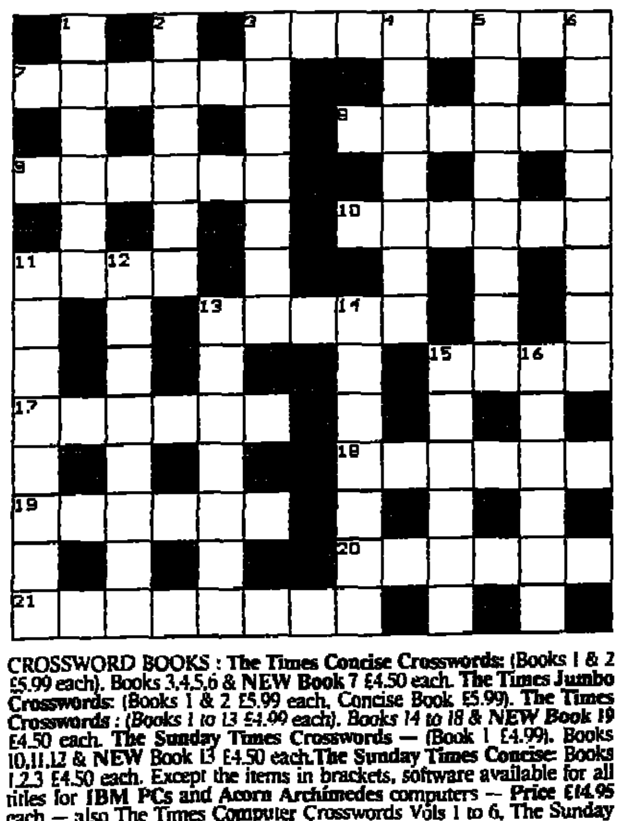
Back out in that persistent rain, supporters huddled beneath the Milburn stand. Paul Gascoigne, Peter Beardsley and Chris Waddle were all sold to finance its construction during the 1980s and a feeling of *déjà vu* proved inescapable. "Here we go again," said one. "Where will it end? Newcastle always sell their best players."

The pain is heightened when the revered No 9 shirt is sold. Supporters brought up on stories of Milburn and MacDonald prize their centre forwards. Around 30 of the most fanatical circling outside United's main reception thus broke into loud, repetitive chants, demanding that Keegan come out and explain himself.

Eventually, flanked by his assistant, Terry McDermott, Keegan emerged. "This is why I am the manager, not you," Keegan said. "I know what I am doing."

Other supporters' faith in their manager remains touchingly undiminished. Contemptuous of those jamming the club's switchboard with protests and inundating local radio station phone-ins with outrage, some believe the transfer represents a smart piece of business.

Long-term doubts about the shin-splint condition that has restricted Cole's recent goalscoring form, and other concerns relating to his attitude, suggest that £6 million and Keith Gillespie may be a fair trade-off.



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7 Split; cling (6)
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9 Population count (6)
10 Rubble (6)
11 Appear (4)
13 Wild animal (5)
15 Be aware of (4)
17 Community of settlers (6)
18 Sapience (6)
19 Distress call (6); holiday (3,3)
20 Opposed (to) (6)
21 Bare bones (8)

DOWN
1 Declare without proof (6)
2 Payment to kidnapper (6)
3 Free time (7)
4 *Without blemish* (7)
5 Sky (poet.) (8)
6 Human-powered taxi (8)
11 Gives in (to temptation) (8)
12 One hired (by firm) (8)
13 *Wound covering* (7)
14 Impresario (7)
15 Edible for orthodox Jew (6)
16 Reed-instrument player (6)

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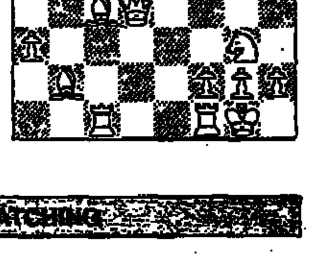

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

RITSU
a. A wafer biscuit
b. An Egyptian river
c. A Buddhist sect

SANTERO
a. A clothes press
b. A sun hat
c. A religious image maker

OG
a. An Australian shilling
b. A mythical monster
c. A *dark brown drink*

PLIG
a. A polygamist
b. A beggar
c. A hair clip

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